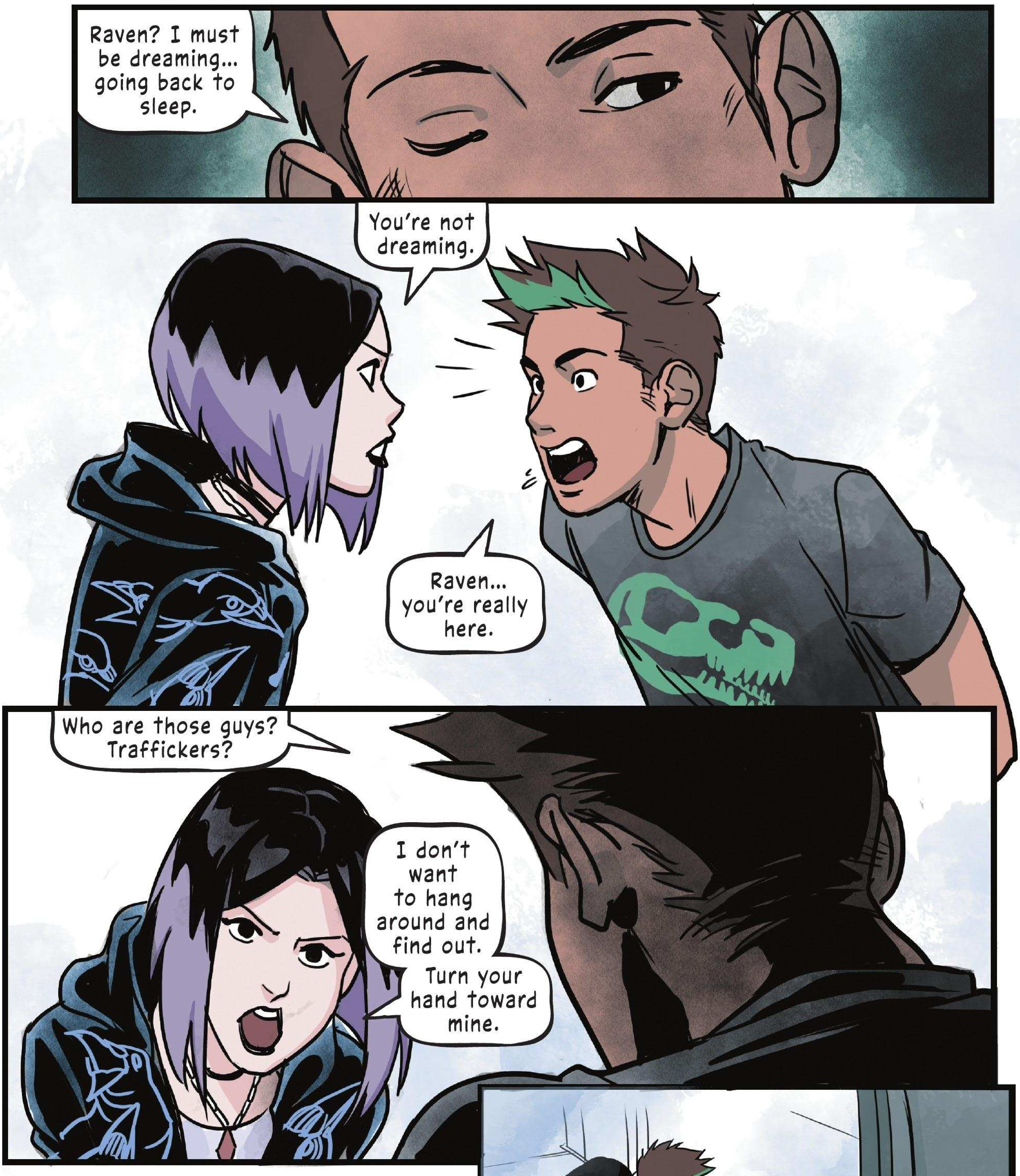
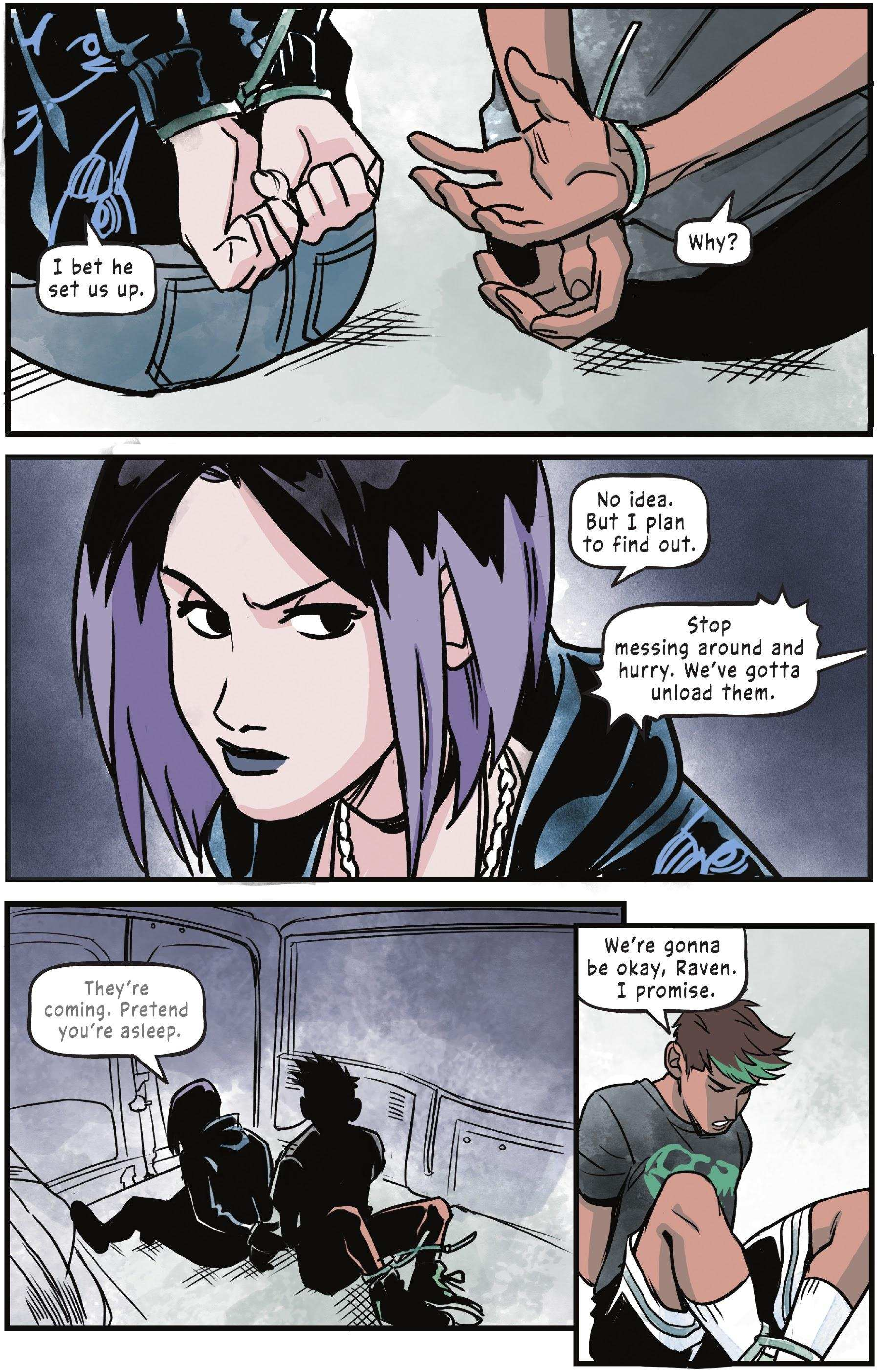
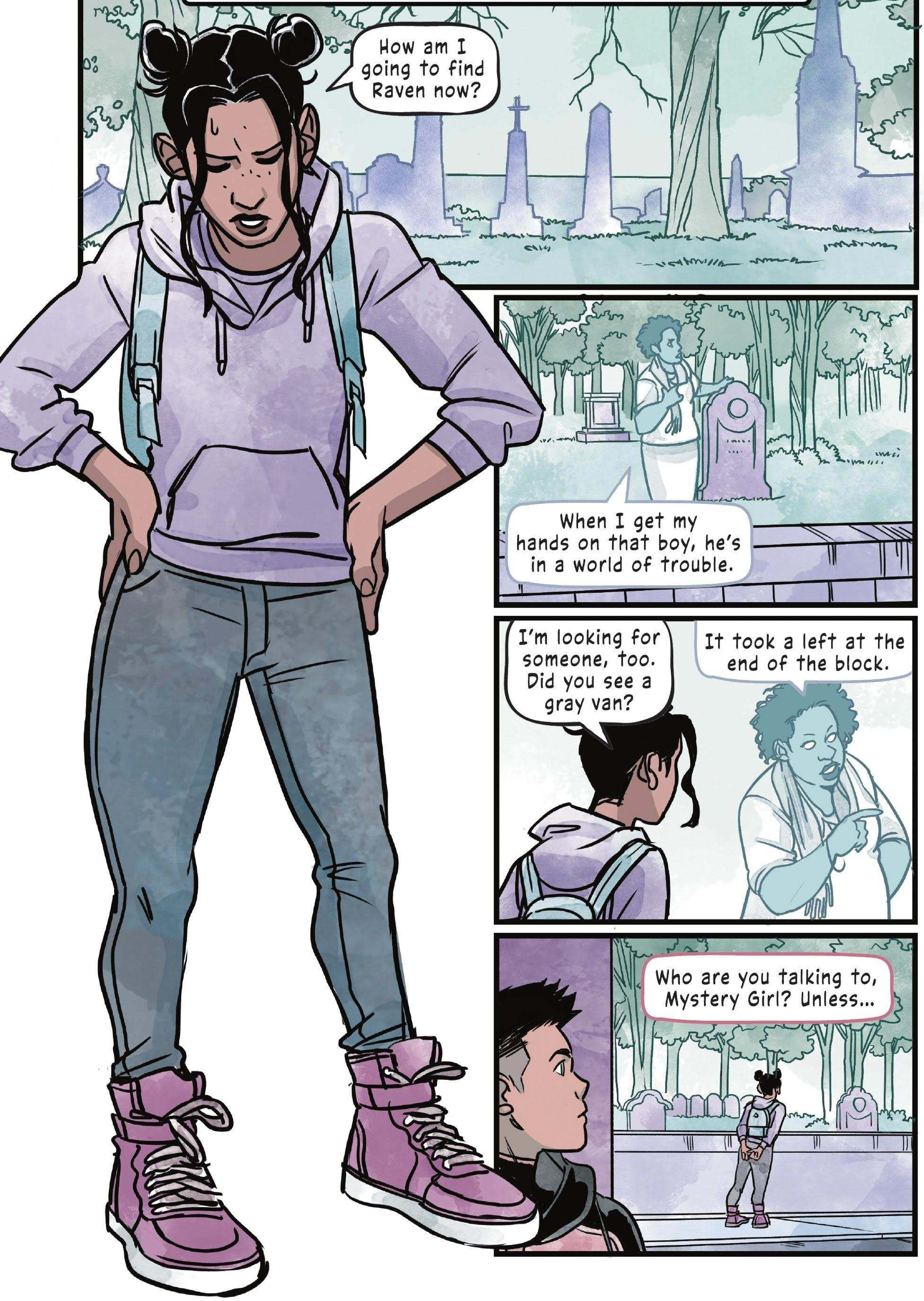

Raven? I must be dreaming... going back to sleep.
You're not dreaming.
Raven... you're really here.
Who are those guys? Traffickers?
I don't want to hang around and find out.
Turn your hand toward mine.
I can't loosen the zip tie.

Come on...channel a gorilla or something and break them.
It won't open.
Maybe your friend will call the cops when you don't show up to meet him.
Slade? I doubt it. We aren't really friends. I've never even met him.
Long story.
The guy I was supposed to meet is named Slade, too. That can't be a coincidence.


I bet he set us up.
Why?
No idea. But I plan to find out.
Stop messing around and hurry. We've gotta unload them.
They're coming. Pretend you're asleep.
We're gonna be okay, Raven. I promise.

CHAPTER 8: STRATEGIC MANEUVERS


How am I going to find Raven now?
When I get my hands on that boy, he's in a world of trouble.
I'm looking for someone, too. Did you see a gray van?
It took a left at the end of the block.
Who are you talking to, Mystery Girl? Unless...

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What's she doing, Mom?
Asking the spirits for guidance.
She must be talking to spirits like the old woman on the mountain.
I wonder what it's like to have a power like that...or *any* power.
I'll never know.

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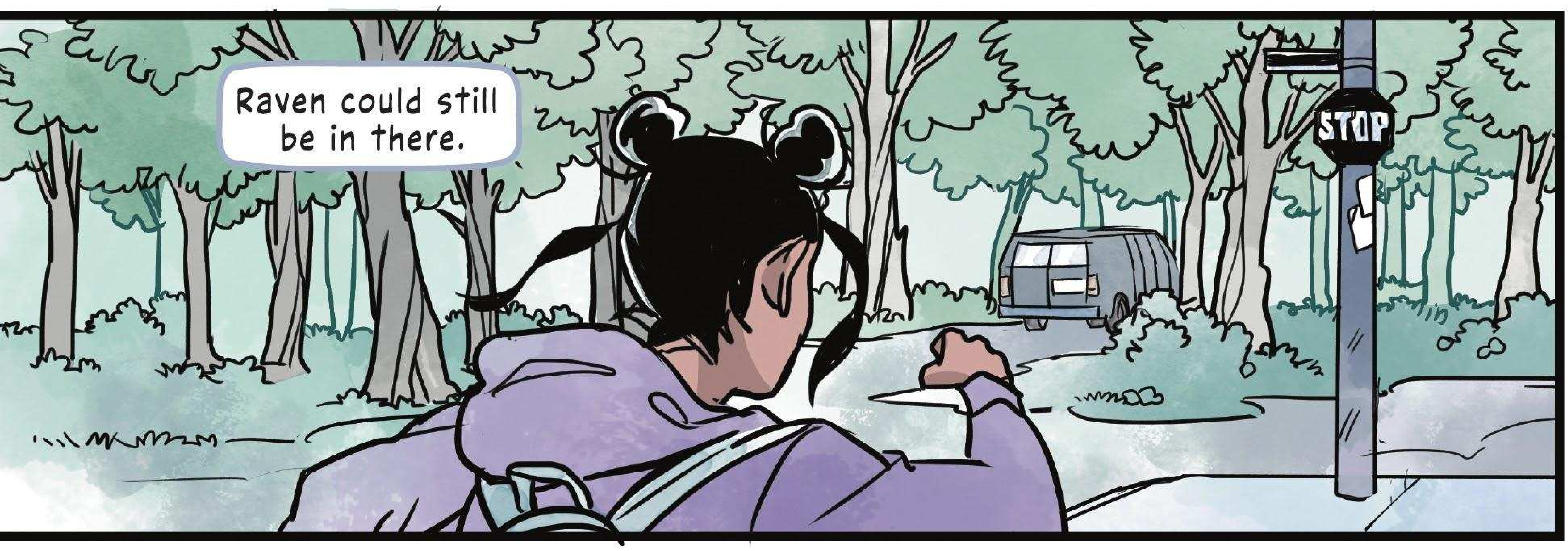
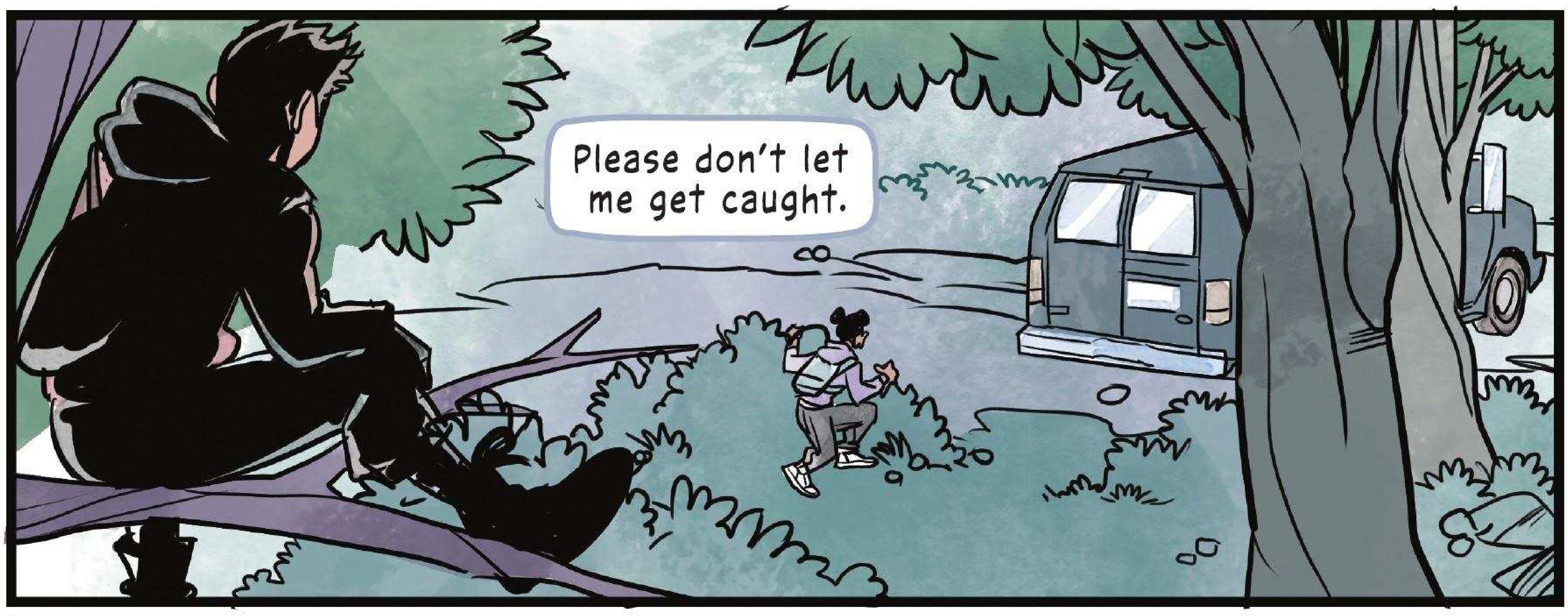
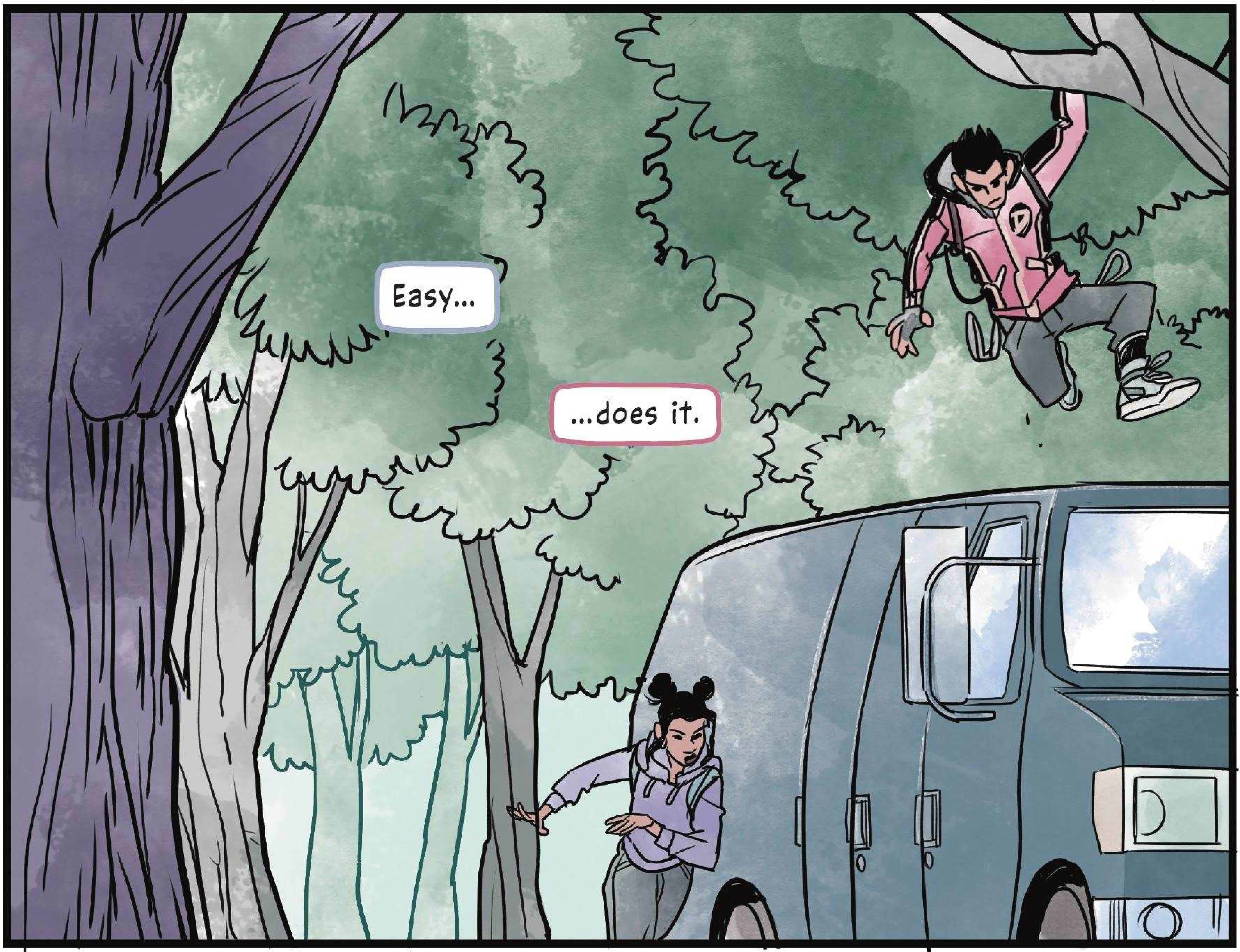
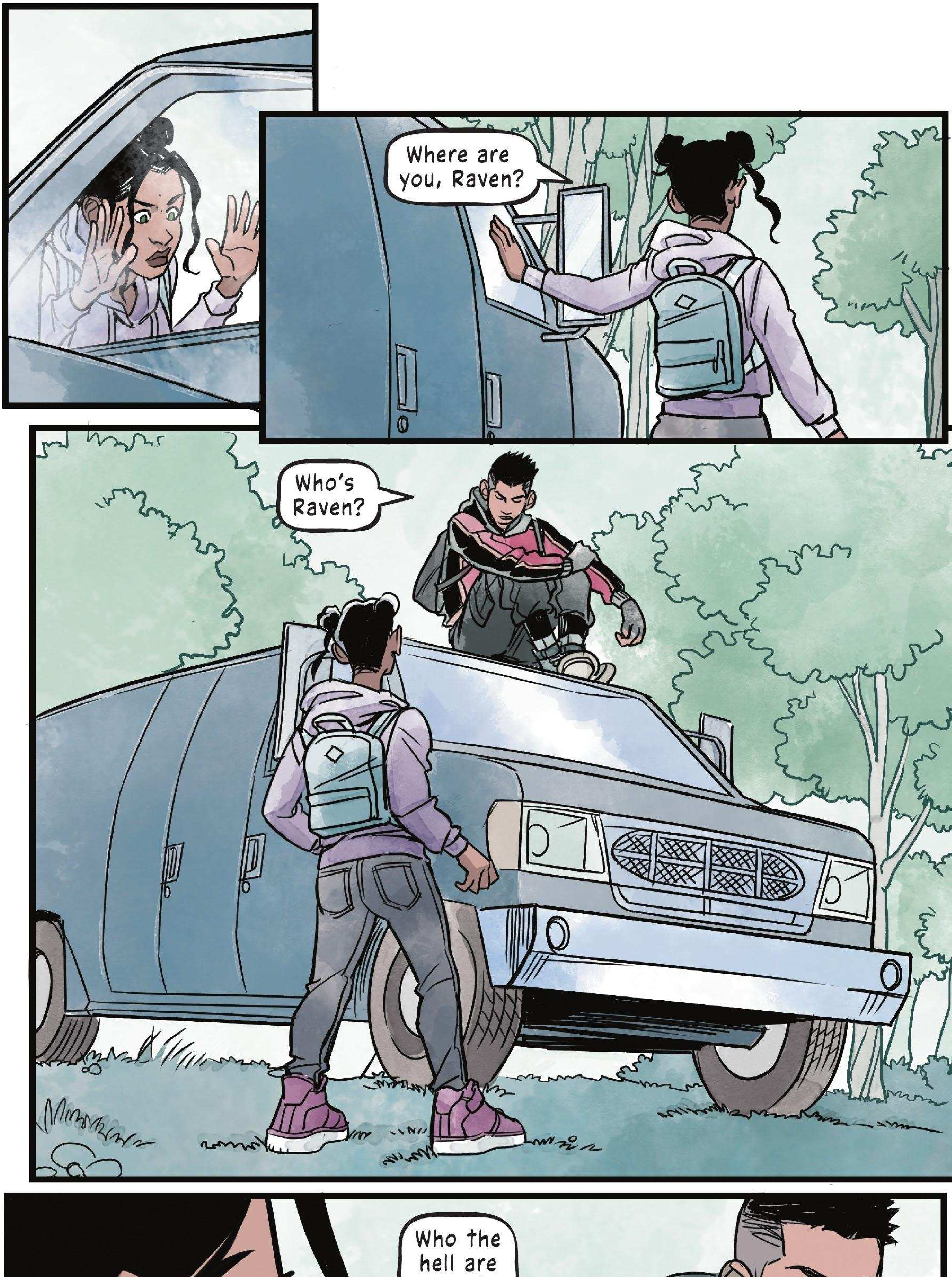

Raven could still be in there.
STOP

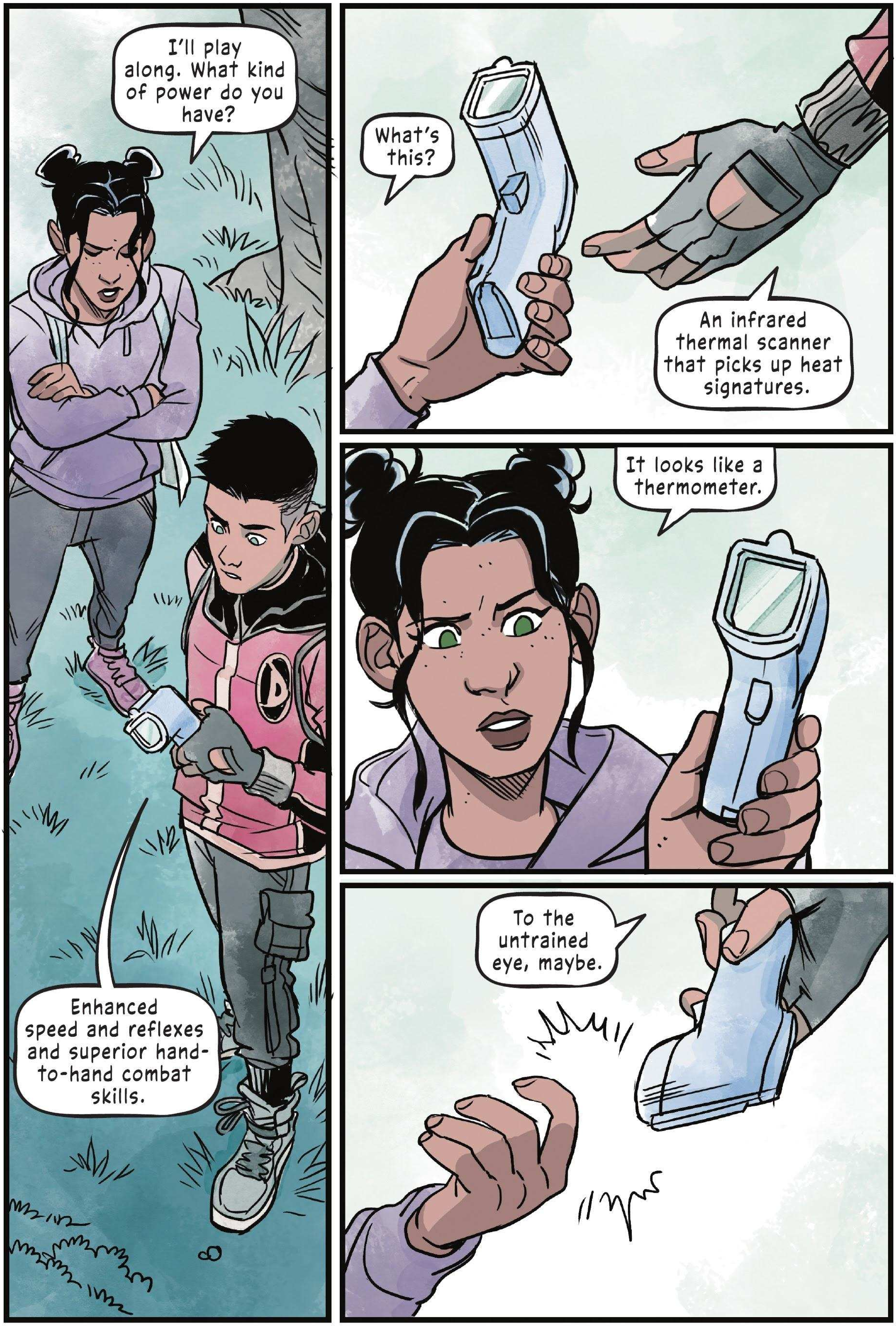

Please don't let me get caught.


Easy...
...does it.


Where are you, Raven?
Who's Raven?
Who the hell are you?

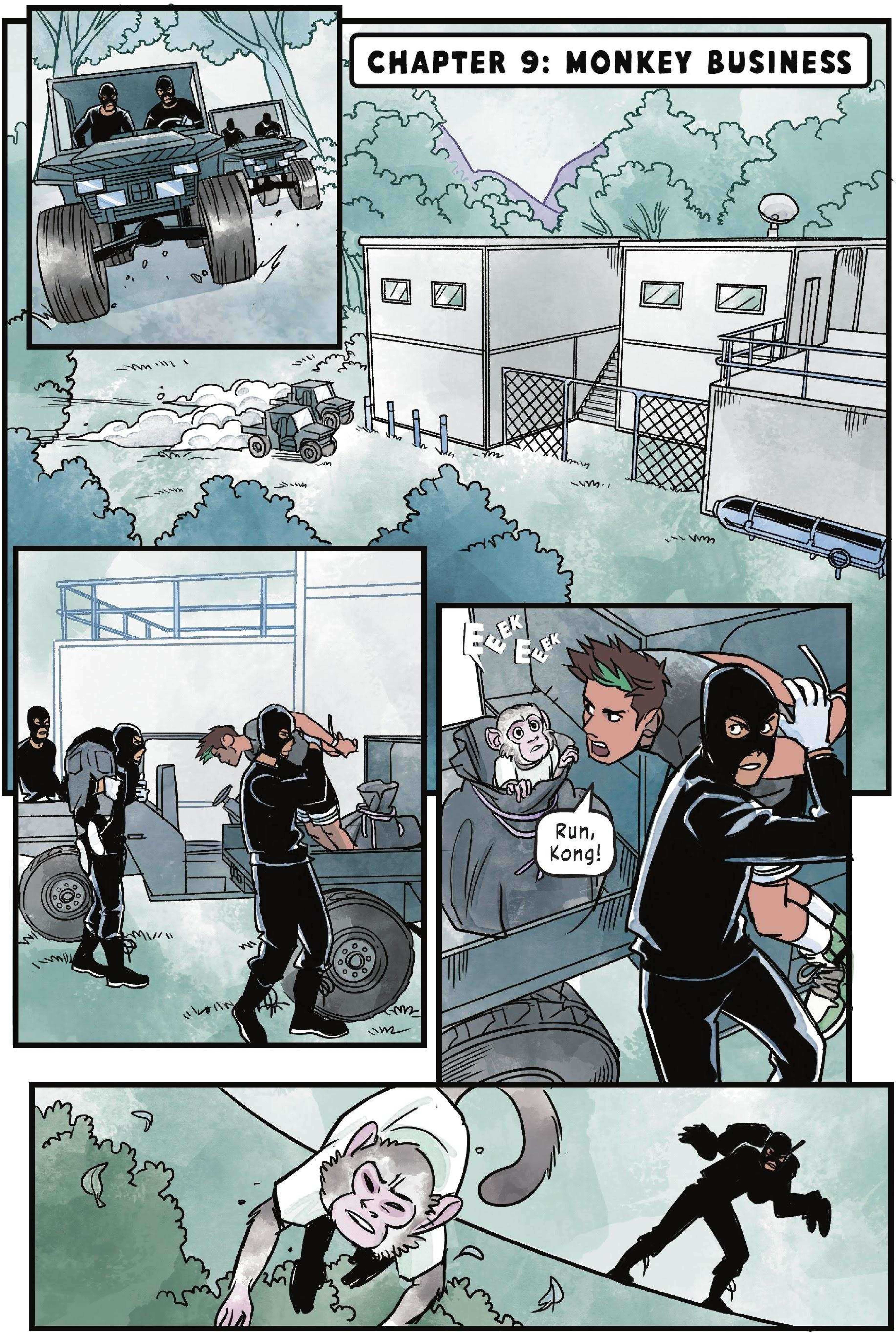
I was about to ask you the same question.
I'm happy to call the cops if you'd rather tell them.
911
If you were gonna call them, you woulda done it when the guys in the van grabbed your friend.
Who were they?
No clue. But I think the person your friend Raven was waiting for is the same guy I was supposed to meet.

My foster *sister.*
Whatever. Take a look.
Slade. That's who Raven was meeting.
Why should I trust you? How do I know you aren't in on it?
I've been accused of lots of things, but kidnapping isn't one of them.
We both need to find your foster sister. I'm assuming she has powers, too.
Excuse me?
I saw the bird shadow above the van and you talking to your ghost friends. Relax. You two aren't the only ones with powers.


I'll play along. What kind of power do you have?
Enhanced speed and reflexes and superior hand-to-hand combat skills.
What's this?
An infrared thermal scanner that picks up heat signatures.
It looks like a thermometer.
To the untrained eye, maybe.

What does Slade mean by "when you get sick of living in your father's shadow"?
My dad is a rich tech genius who thinks he's a hero. He's also a jerk. I grew up with my mom.
I've got something.
BEEEP
Let's keep looking.

CHAPTER 9: MONKEY BUSINESS


EEEK EEEK
Run, Kong!

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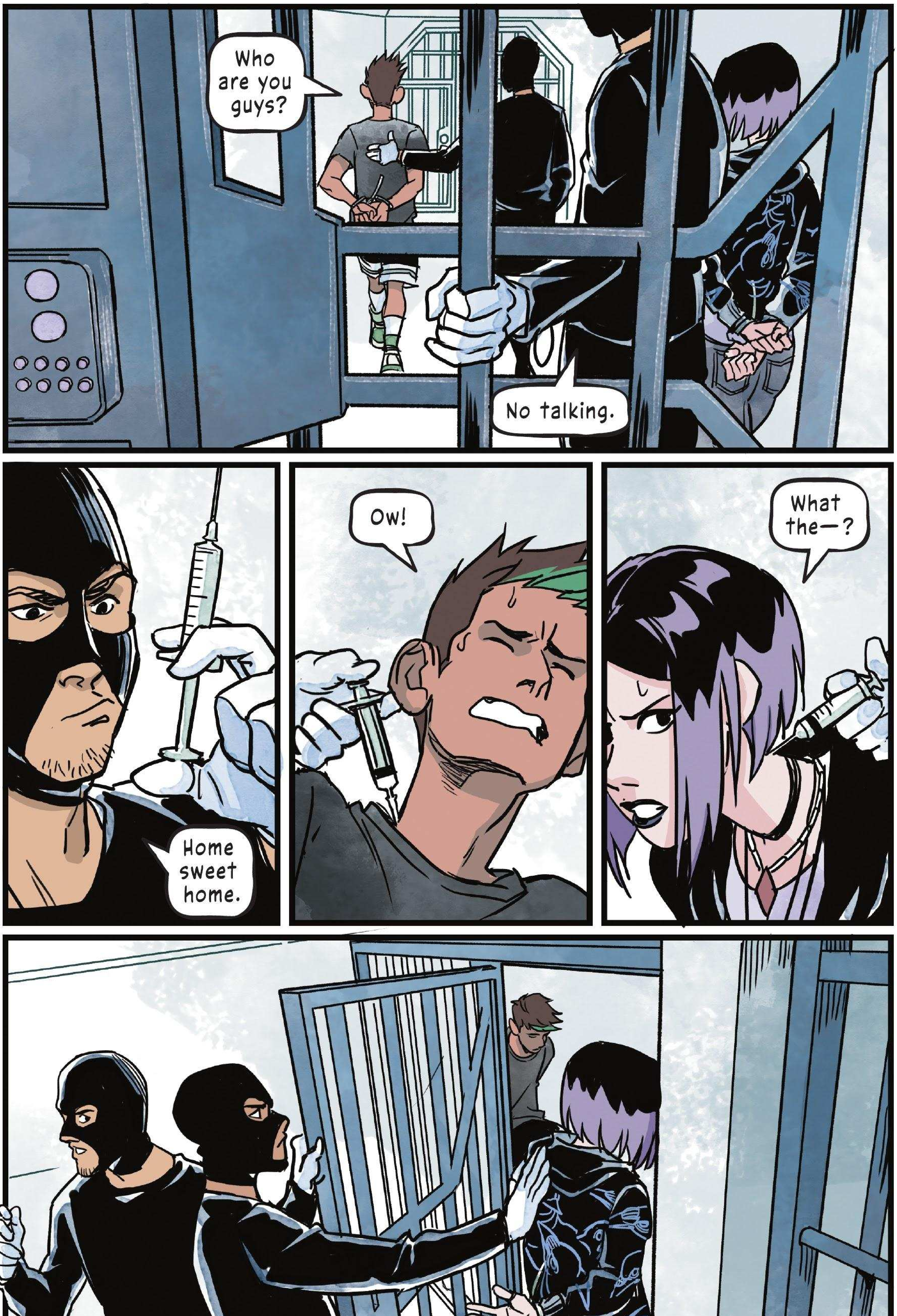
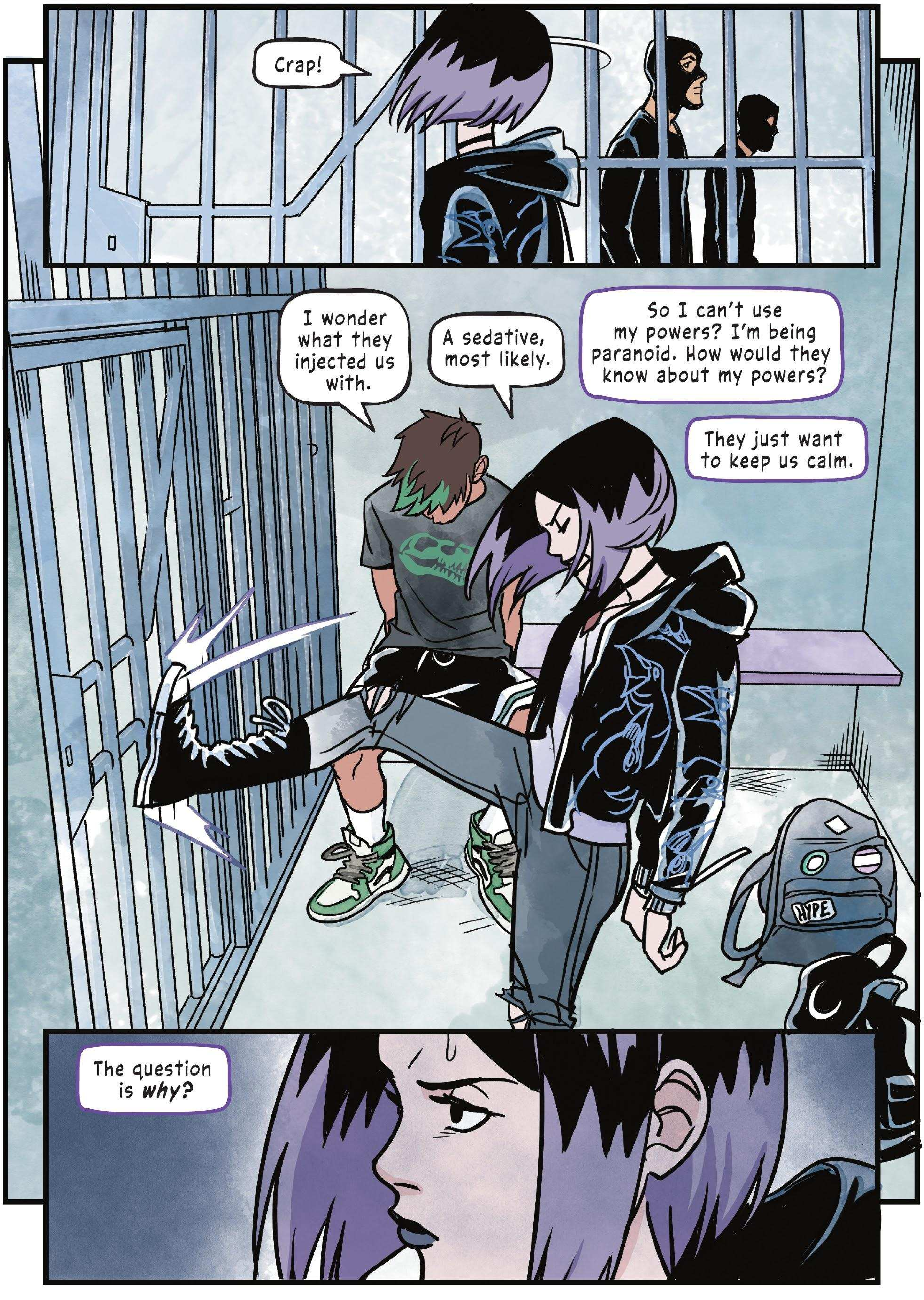
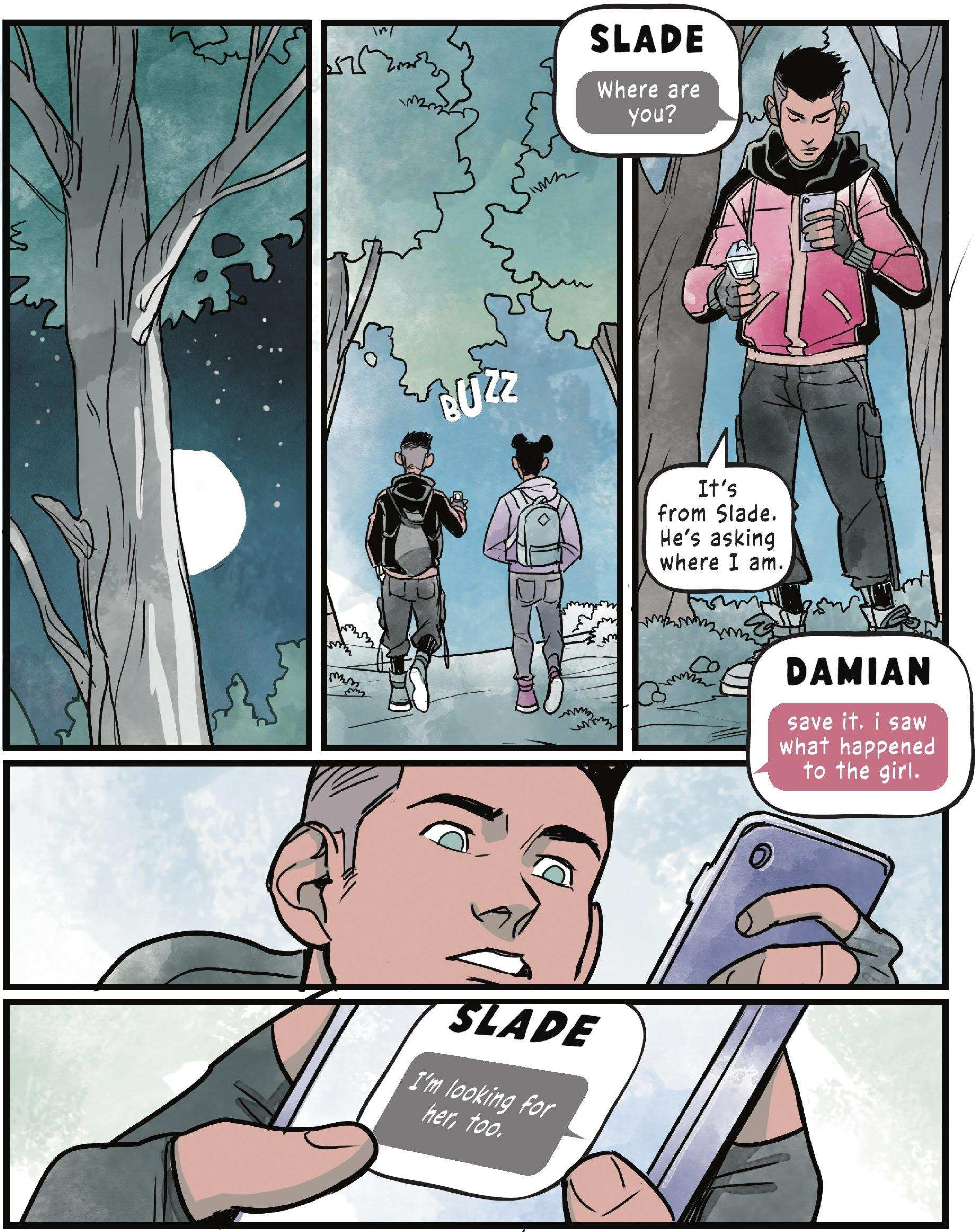
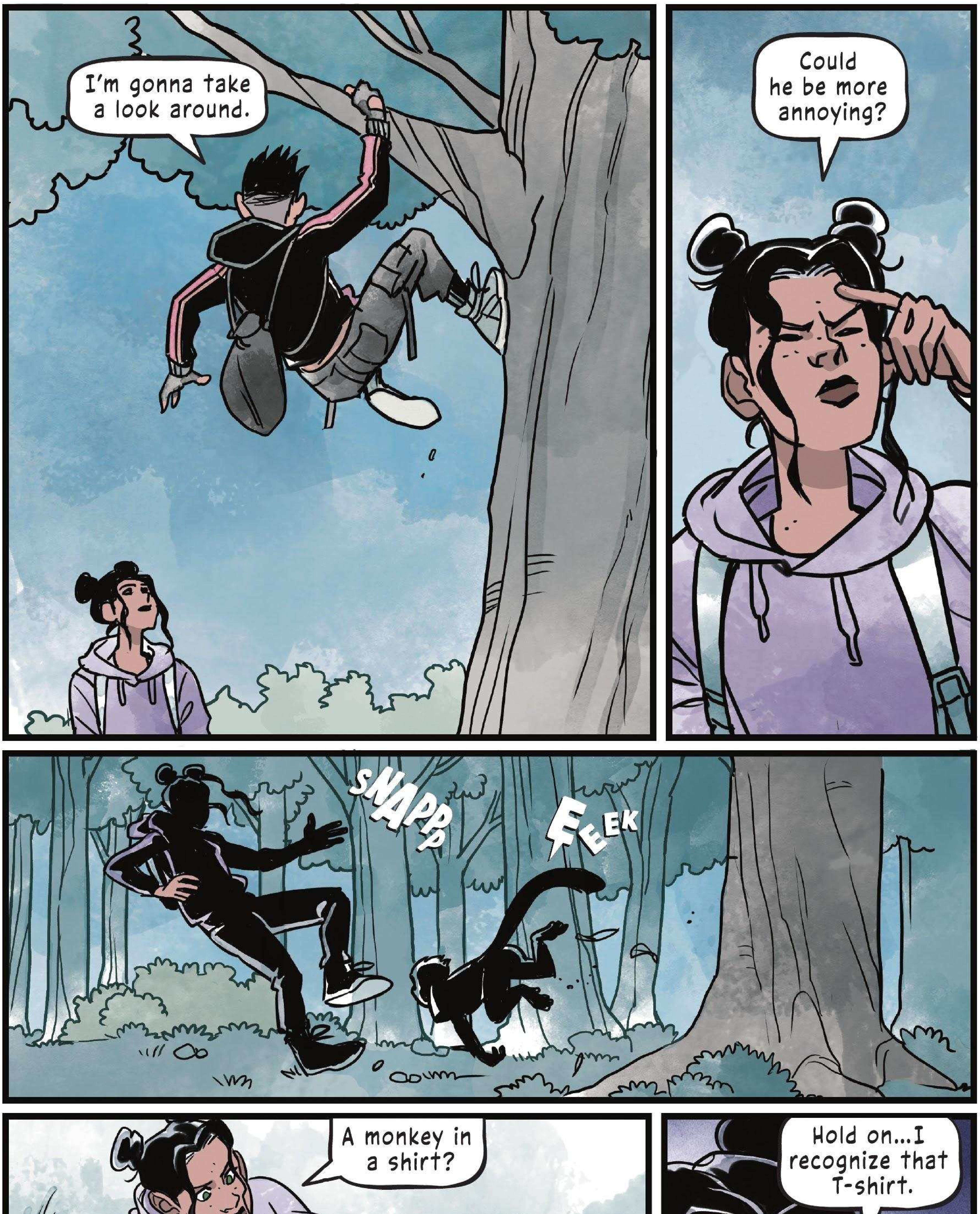
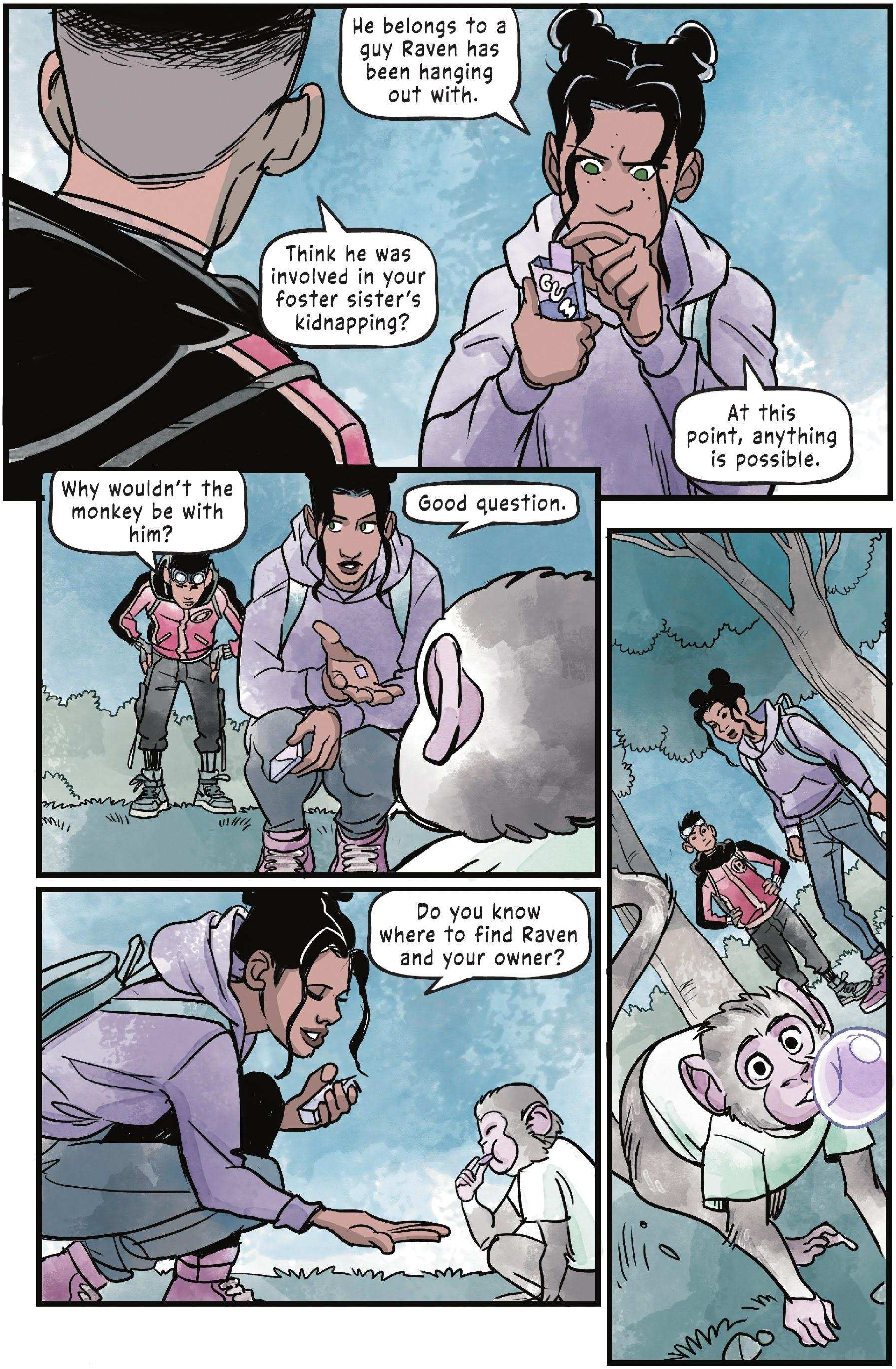

Who are you guys?
No talking.
Home sweet home.
Ow!
What the—?


Crap!
I wonder what they injected us with.
A sedative, most likely.
So I can't use my powers? I'm being paranoid. How would they know about my powers?
They just want to keep us calm.
HYPE
The question is *why?*


BUZZ
SLADE
Where are you?
It's from Slade. He's asking where I am.
DAMIAN
save it. i saw what happened to the girl.
SLADE
I'm looking for her, too.
Do you believe him?
Not even a little.


I'm gonna take a look around.
Could he be more annoying?
SNAPPP
EEEK
A monkey in a shirt?
Hold on...I recognize that T-shirt.

Hey, little guy. You know Raven, don't you?
EEEK
MEAT IS
I don't see anything except trees.
I found something.
A monkey?
Is he wearing clothes?


He belongs to a guy Raven has been hanging out with.
Think he was involved in your foster sister's kidnapping?
GUM
At this point, anything is possible.
Why wouldn't the monkey be with him?
Good question.
Do you know where to find Raven and your owner?

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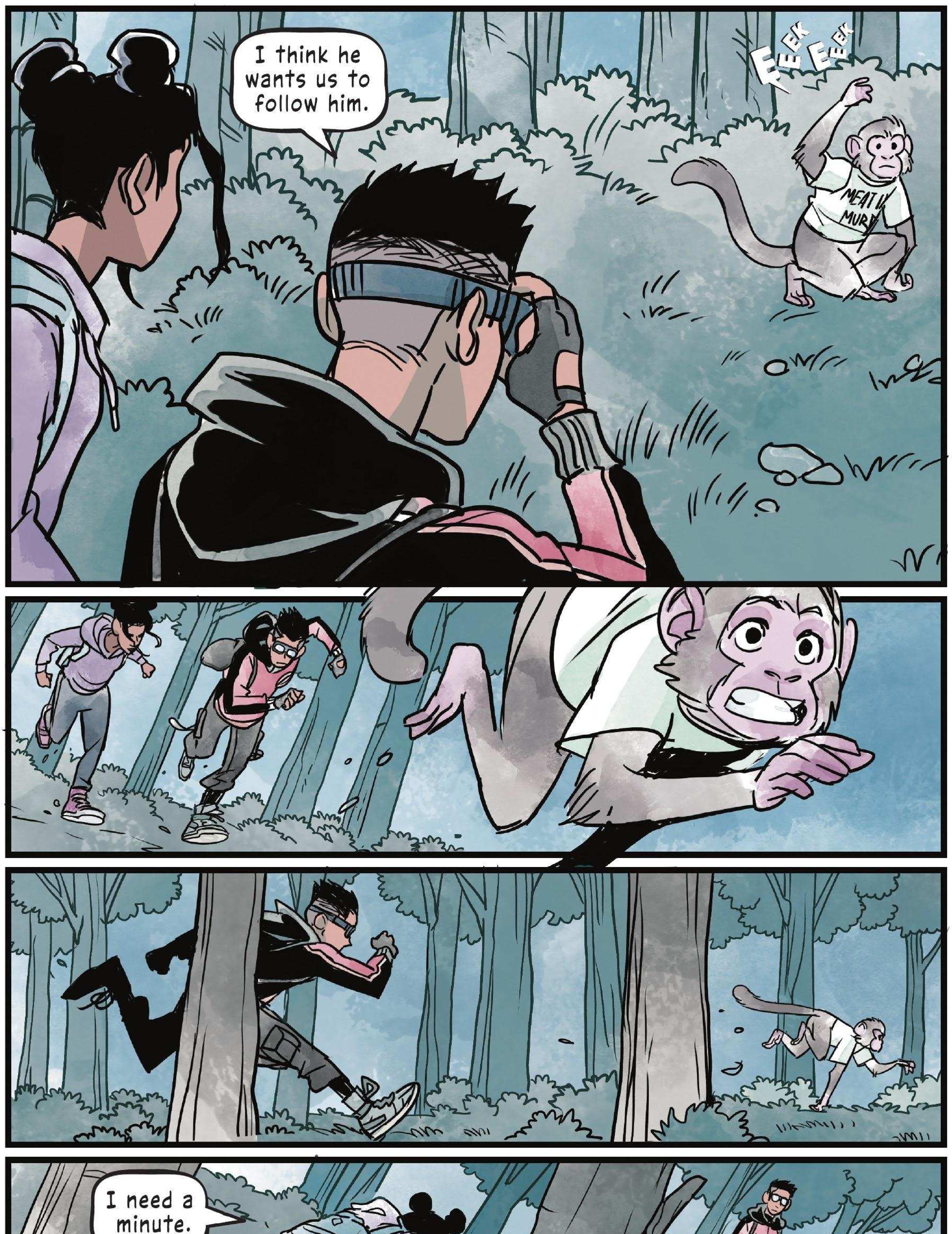
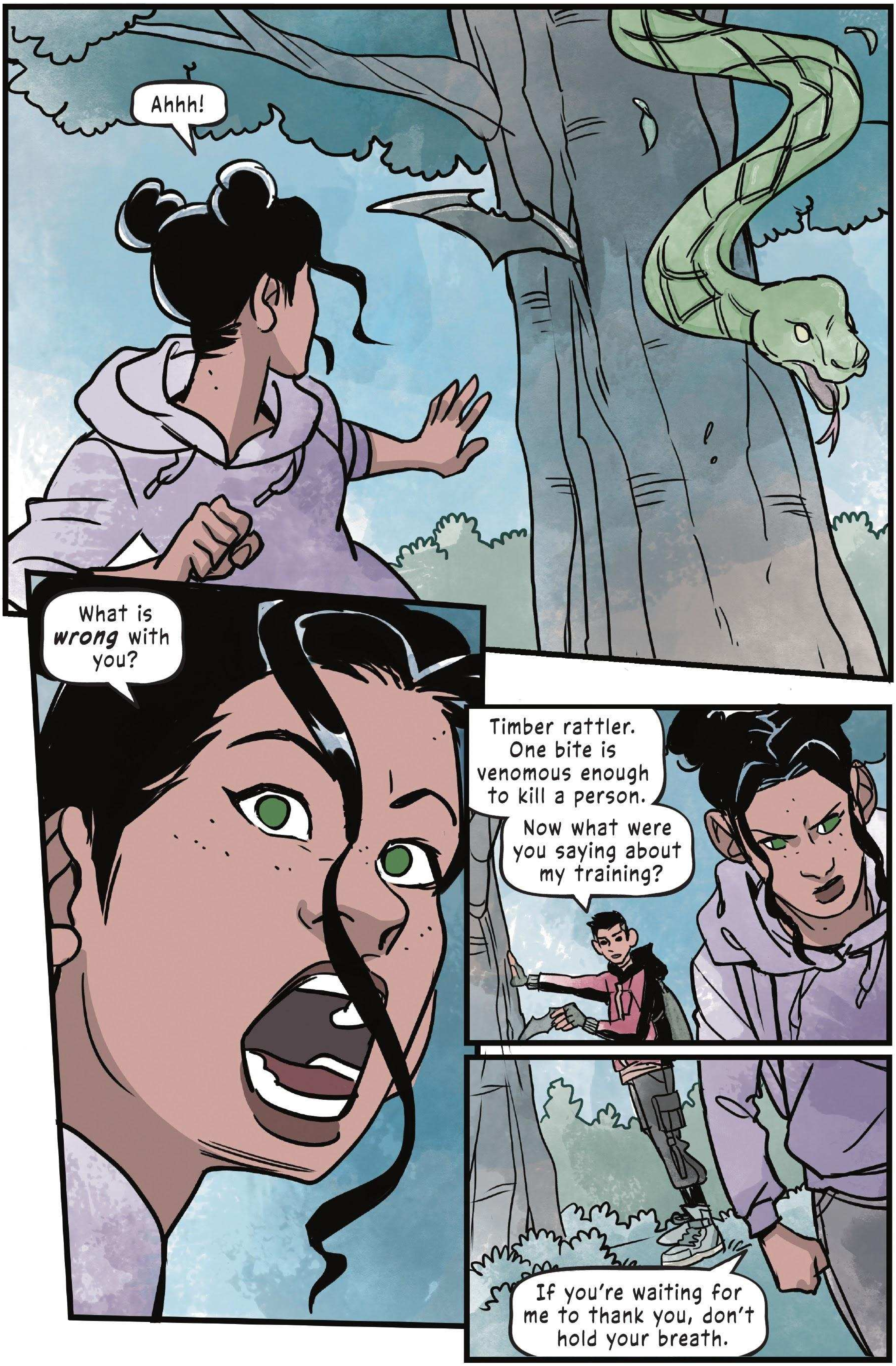
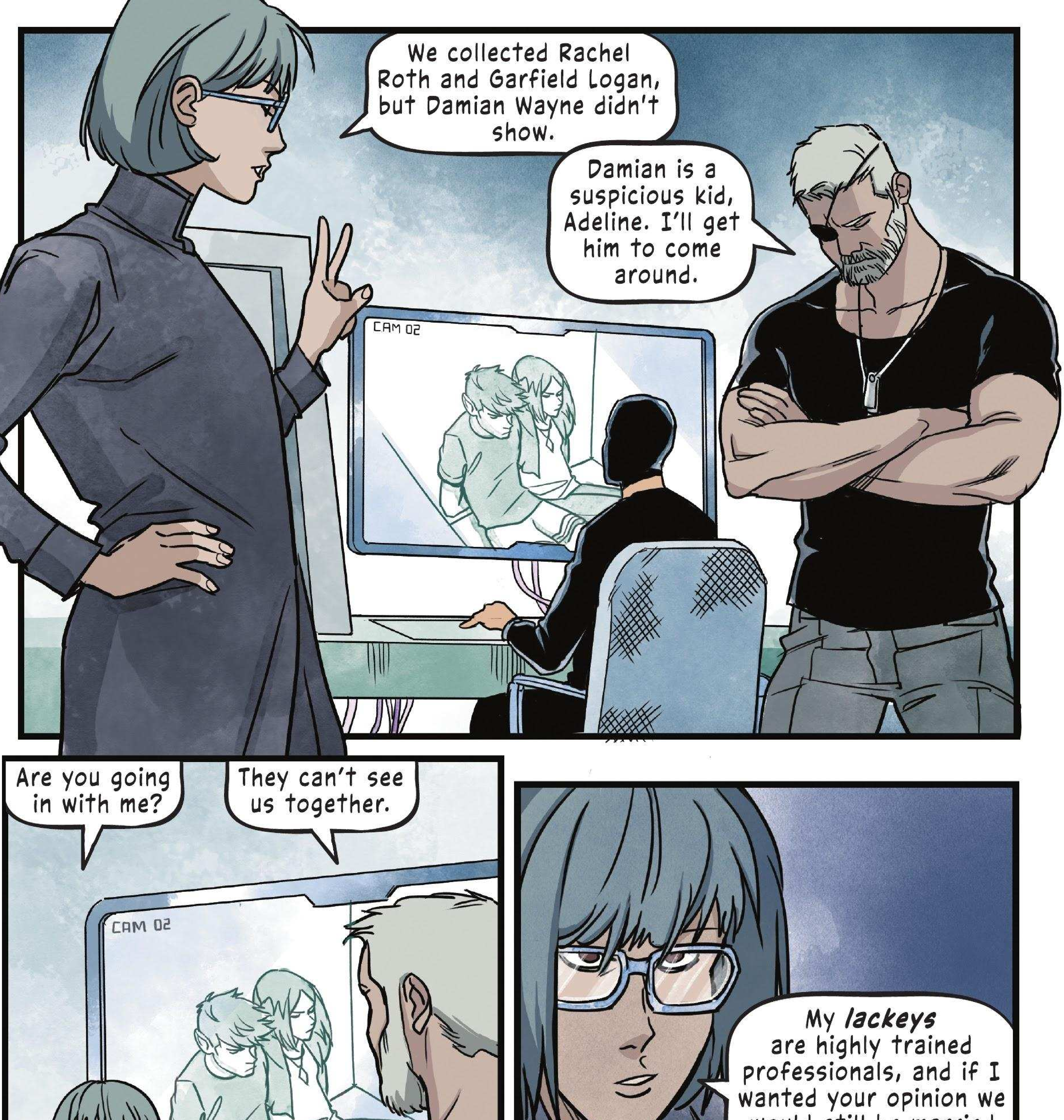

I think he wants us to follow him.
EEK EEK
I need a minute.
Guessing you're not on the track team.

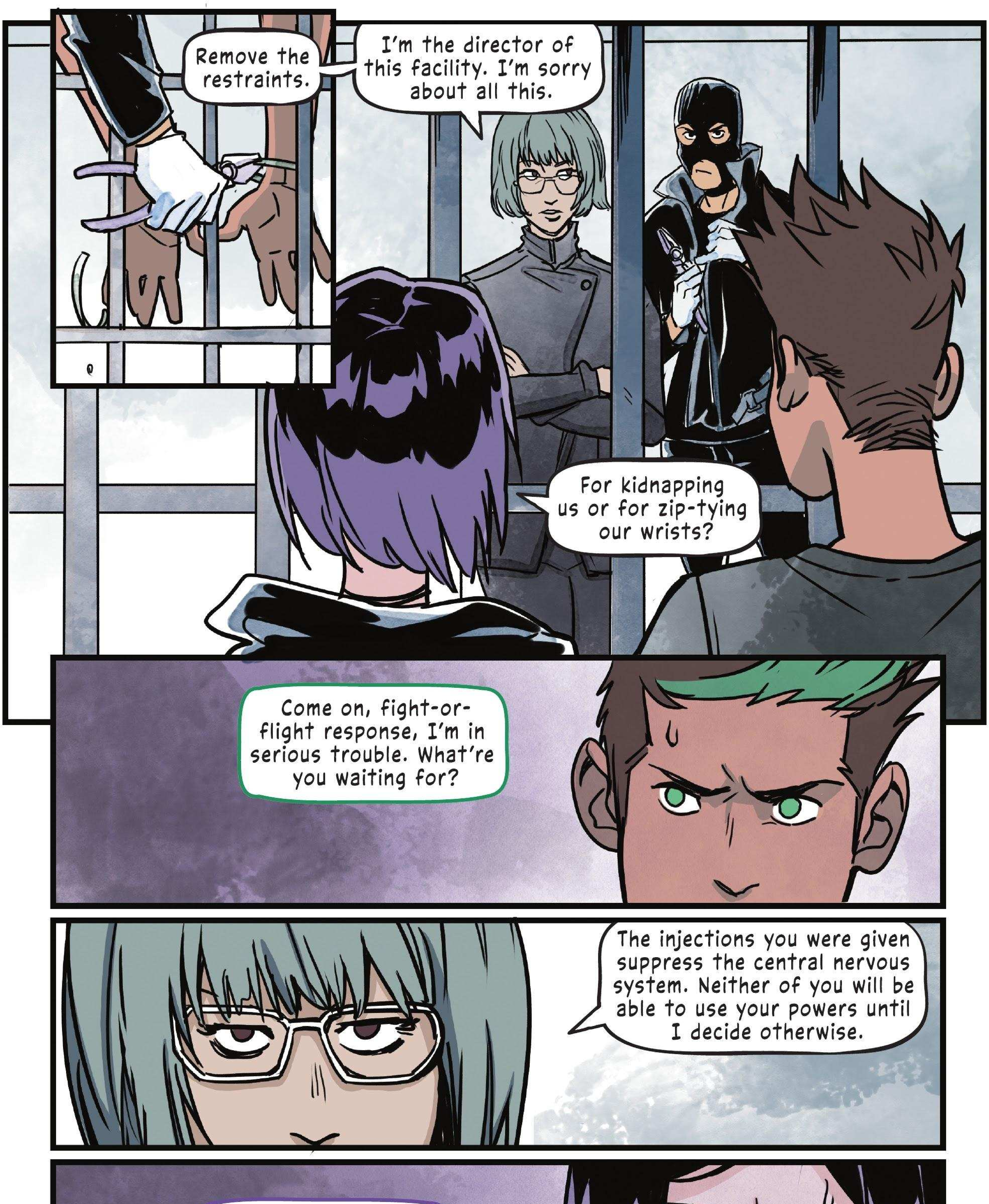
Funny.
I might need more than a minute.
I'm not training for a future in special forces.
ZOOOMM

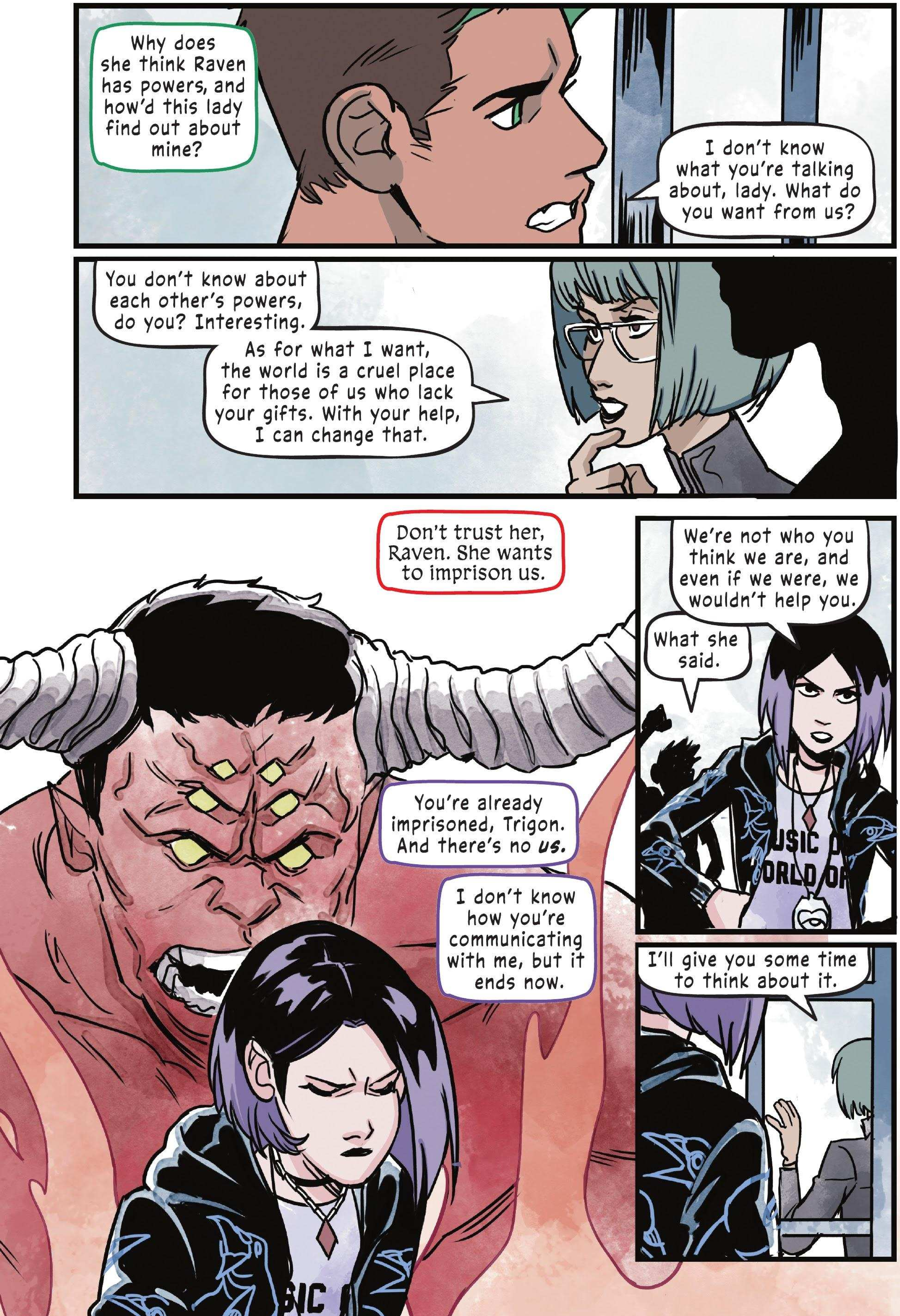

Ahhh!
What is *wrong* with you?
Timber rattler. One bite is venomous enough to kill a person.
Now what were you saying about my training?
If you're waiting for me to thank you, don't hold your breath.

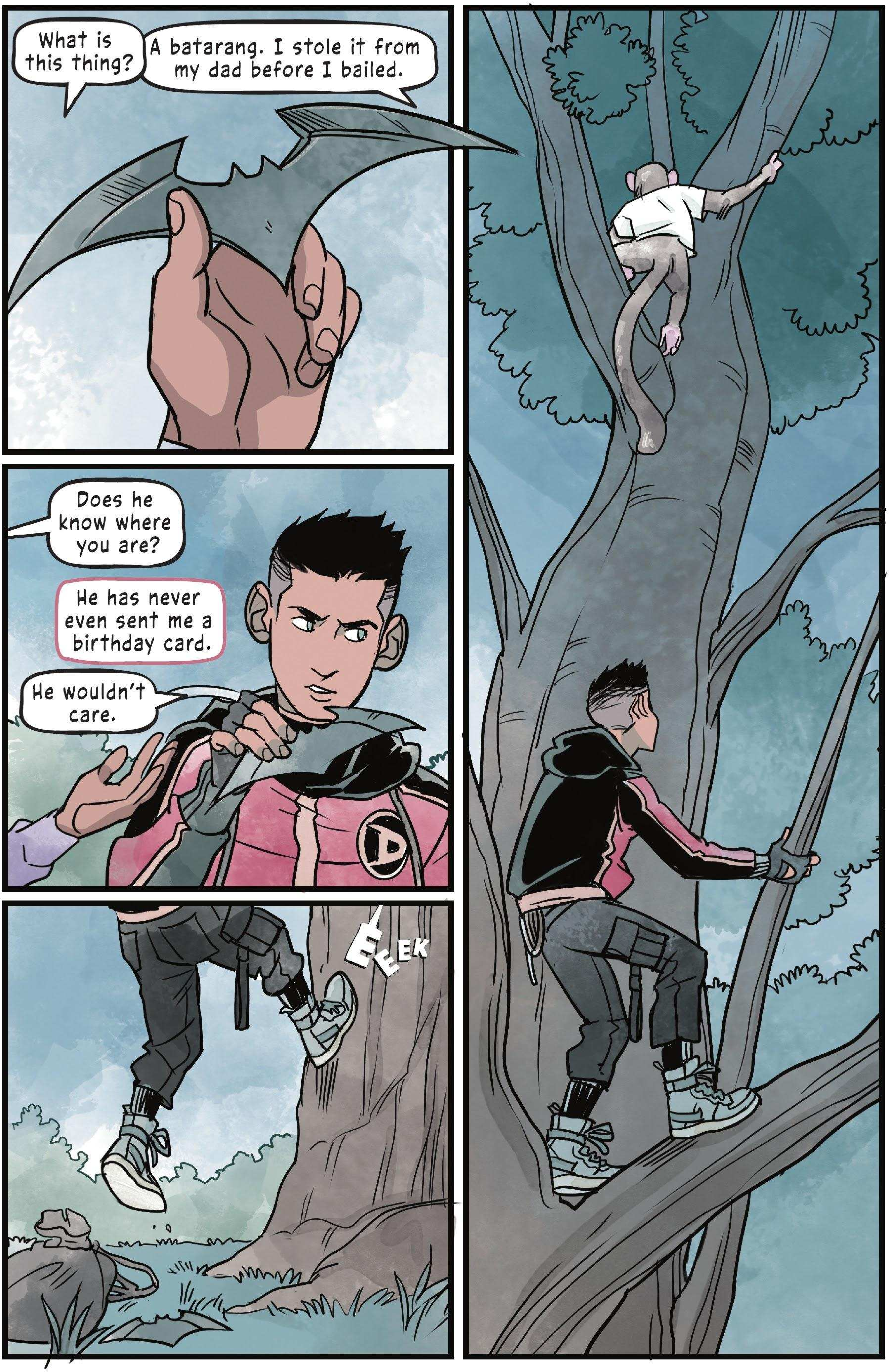
CHAPTER 10: COMMON DENOMINATOR

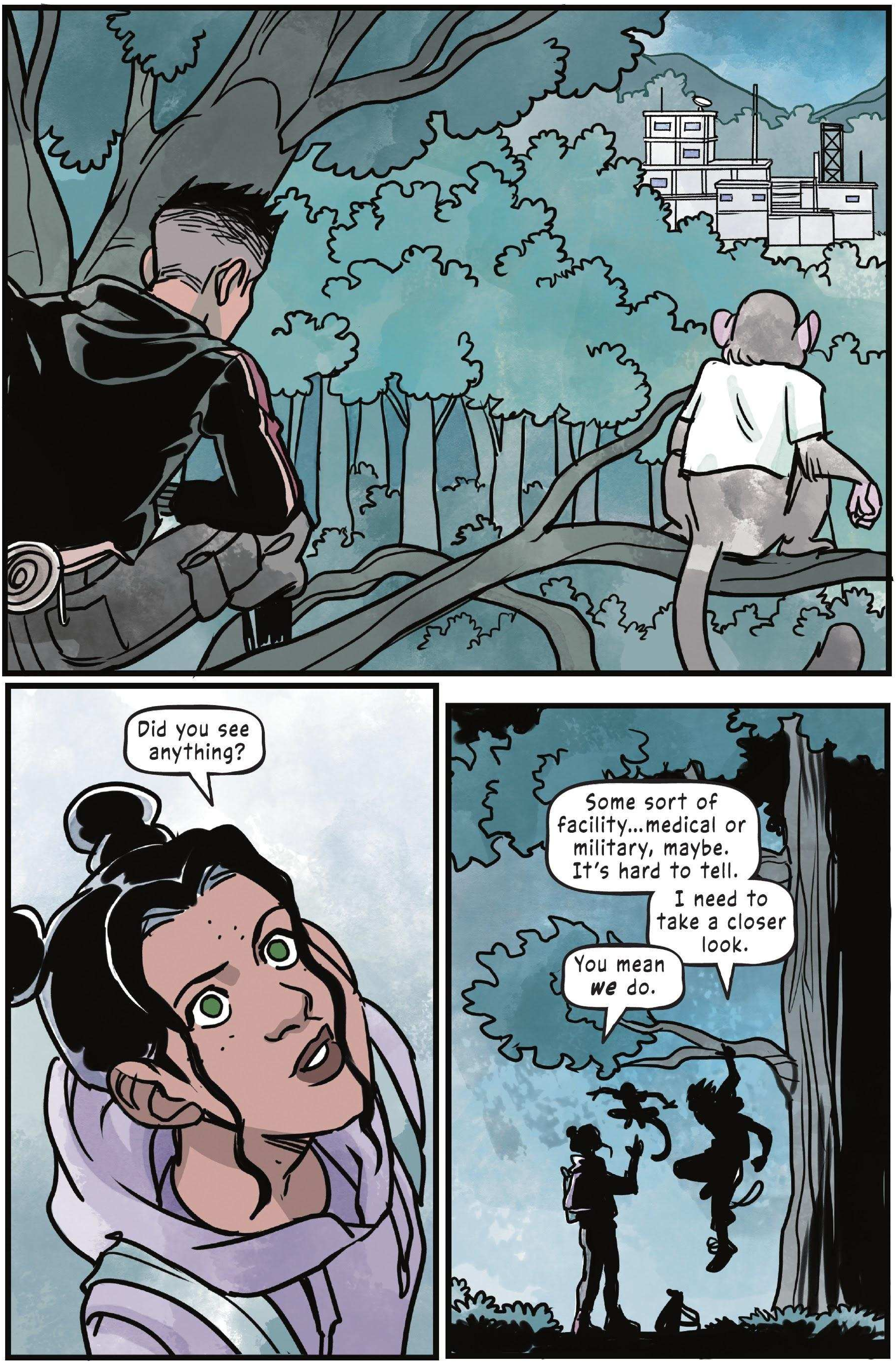
We've gotta figure out who those people are.
Slade is the common denominator.
Why were you meeting him?
He used to work with my parents at H.I.V.E. He said he could help with my condition.
How about you?
He claimed to have information about my father, but that was probably a lie.
We're in serious trouble, Gar.

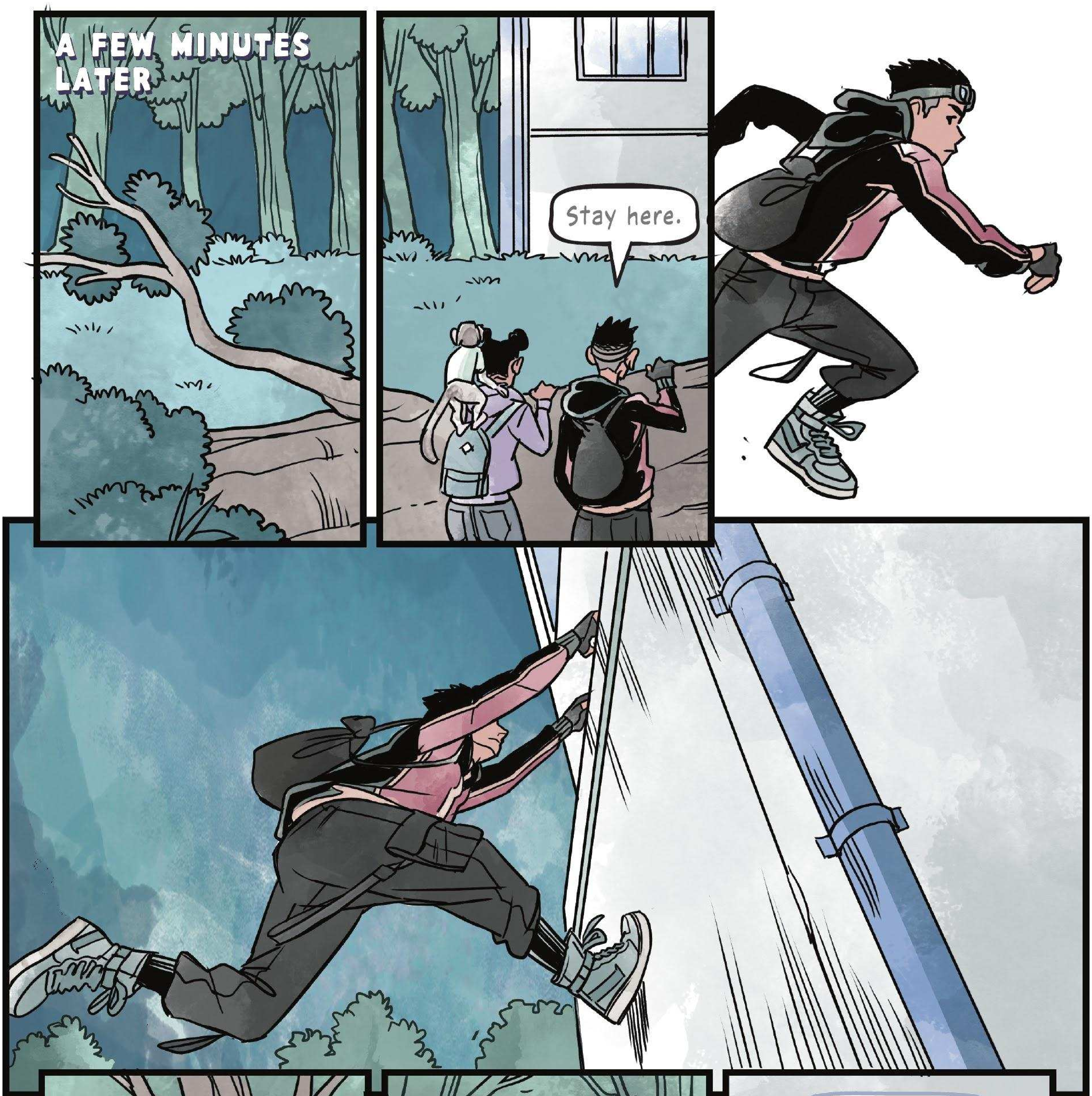

We collected Rachel Roth and Garfield Logan, but Damian Wayne didn't show.
Damian is a suspicious kid, Adeline. I'll get him to come around.
CAM 02
Are you going in with me?
They can't see us together.
CAM 02
If I blow my cover, we won't have a contingency plan when your lackeys screw up.
My *lackeys* are highly trained professionals, and if I wanted your opinion we would still be married.
I'd rather be dead.
The feeling is mutual.

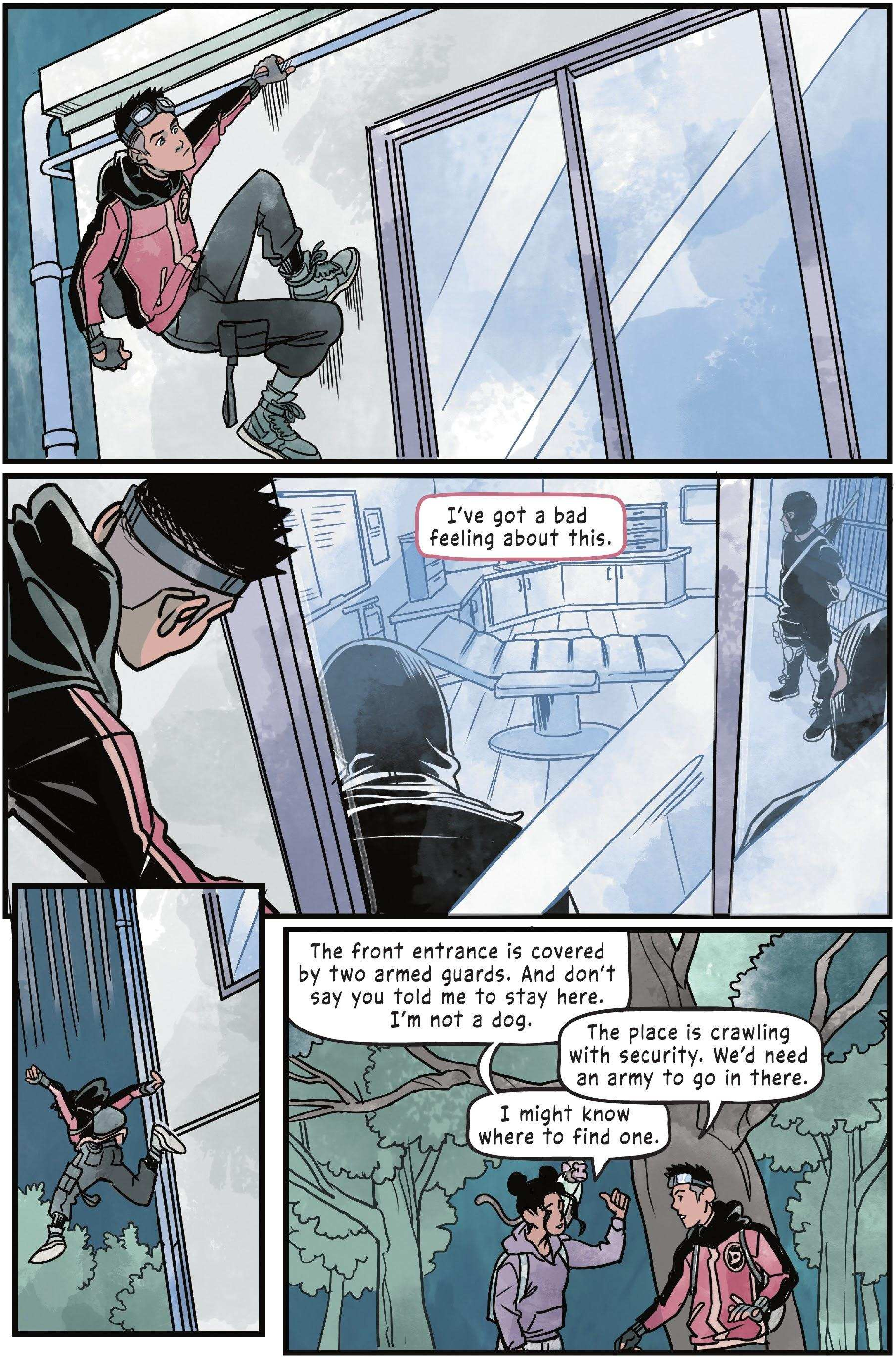

Remove the restraints.
I'm the director of this facility. I'm sorry about all this.
For kidnapping us or for zip-tying our wrists?
Come on, fight-or-flight response, I'm in serious trouble. What're you waiting for?
The injections you were given suppress the central nervous system. Neither of you will be able to use your powers until I decide otherwise.
How does she know about my powers? Why would she assume Gar has them, too?


Why does she think Raven has powers, and how'd this lady find out about mine?
I don't know what you're talking about, lady. What do you want from us?
You don't know about each other's powers, do you? Interesting.
As for what I want, the world is a cruel place for those of us who lack your gifts. With your help, I can change that.
Don't trust her, Raven. She wants to imprison us.
We're not who you think we are, and even if we were, we wouldn't help you.
What she said.
You're already imprisoned, Trigon. And there's no *us*.
I don't know how you're communicating with me, but it ends now.
I'll give you some time to think about it.


What is this thing?
A batarang. I stole it from my dad before I bailed.
Does he know where you are?
He has never even sent me a birthday card.
He wouldn't care.
EEEK

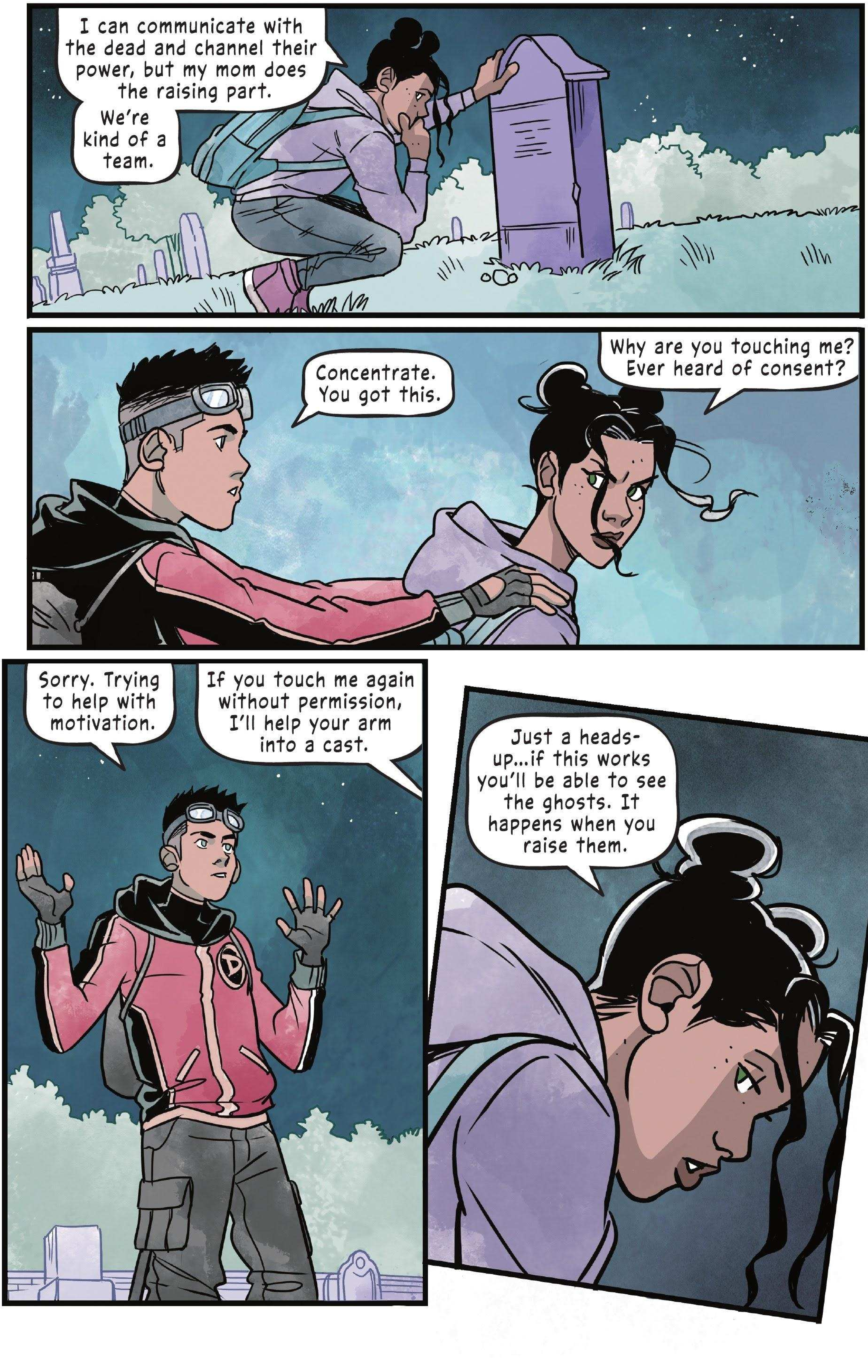

Did you see anything?
Some sort of facility...medical or military, maybe. It's hard to tell.
I need to take a closer look.
You mean **we** do.


A FEW MINUTES LATER
Stay here.
Like I'm going to listen to him.
Who are these people?


I've got a bad feeling about this.
The front entrance is covered by two armed guards. And don't say you told me to stay here. I'm not a dog.
The place is crawling with security. We'd need an army to go in there.
I might know where to find one.

CHAPTER 11: GHOST WHISPERER

TWO HOURS LATER
What are we doing back here?
Here goes...
Remember when you said you thought I had powers?
I can communicate with the dead and harness their power.
Are you saying you can raise a ghost army?
Not exactly.


I can communicate with the dead and channel their power, but my mom does the raising part.
We're kind of a team.
Concentrate. You got this.
Why are you touching me? Ever heard of consent?
Sorry. Trying to help with motivation.
If you touch me again without permission, I'll help your arm into a cast.
Just a heads-up...if this works you'll be able to see the ghosts. It happens when you raise them.

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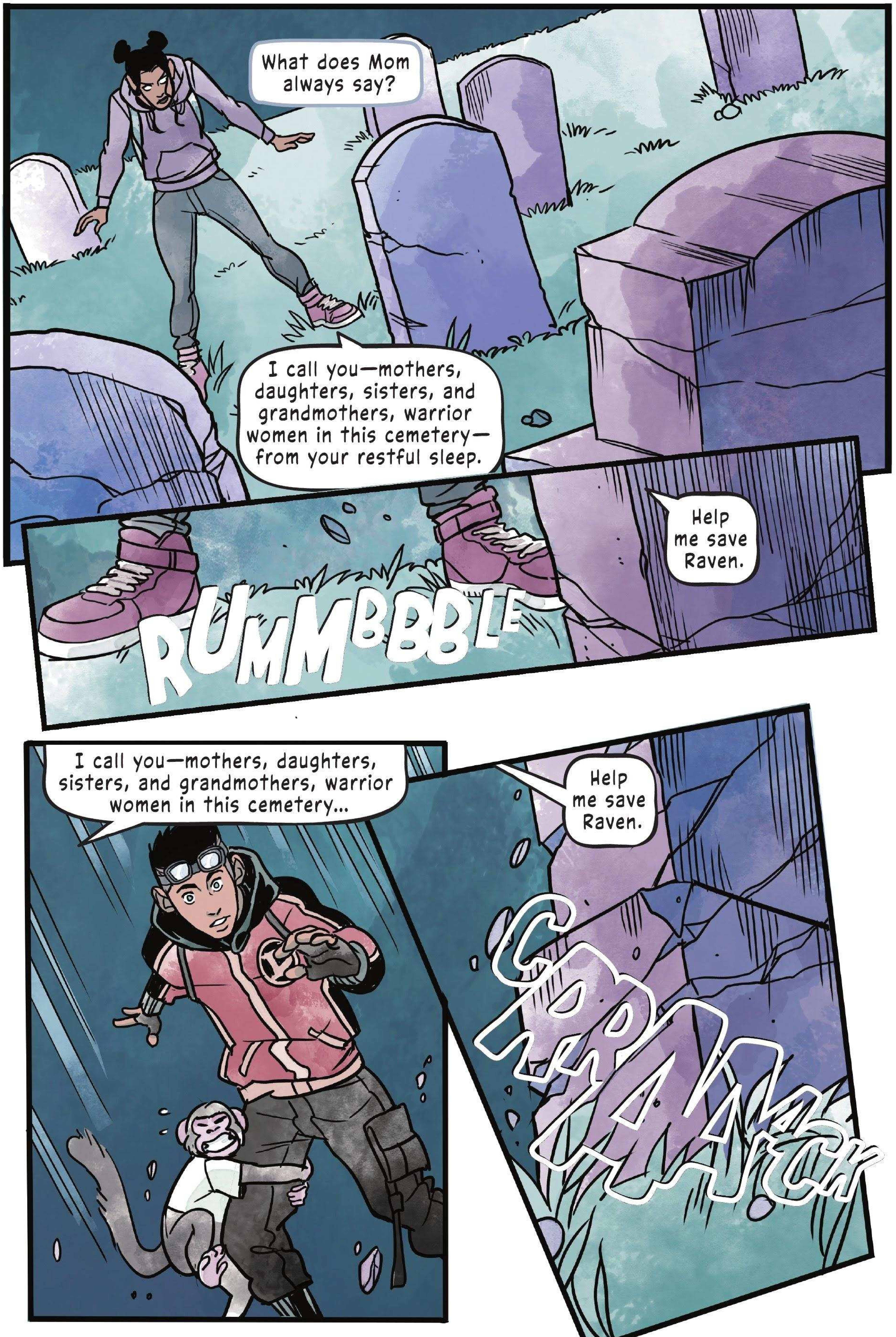
What does Mom always say?
I call you—mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers, warrior women in this cemetery—from your restful sleep.
Help me save Raven.
RUMMBBBLE
I call you—mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers, warrior women in this cemetery...
Help me save Raven.
CRRAAANCH

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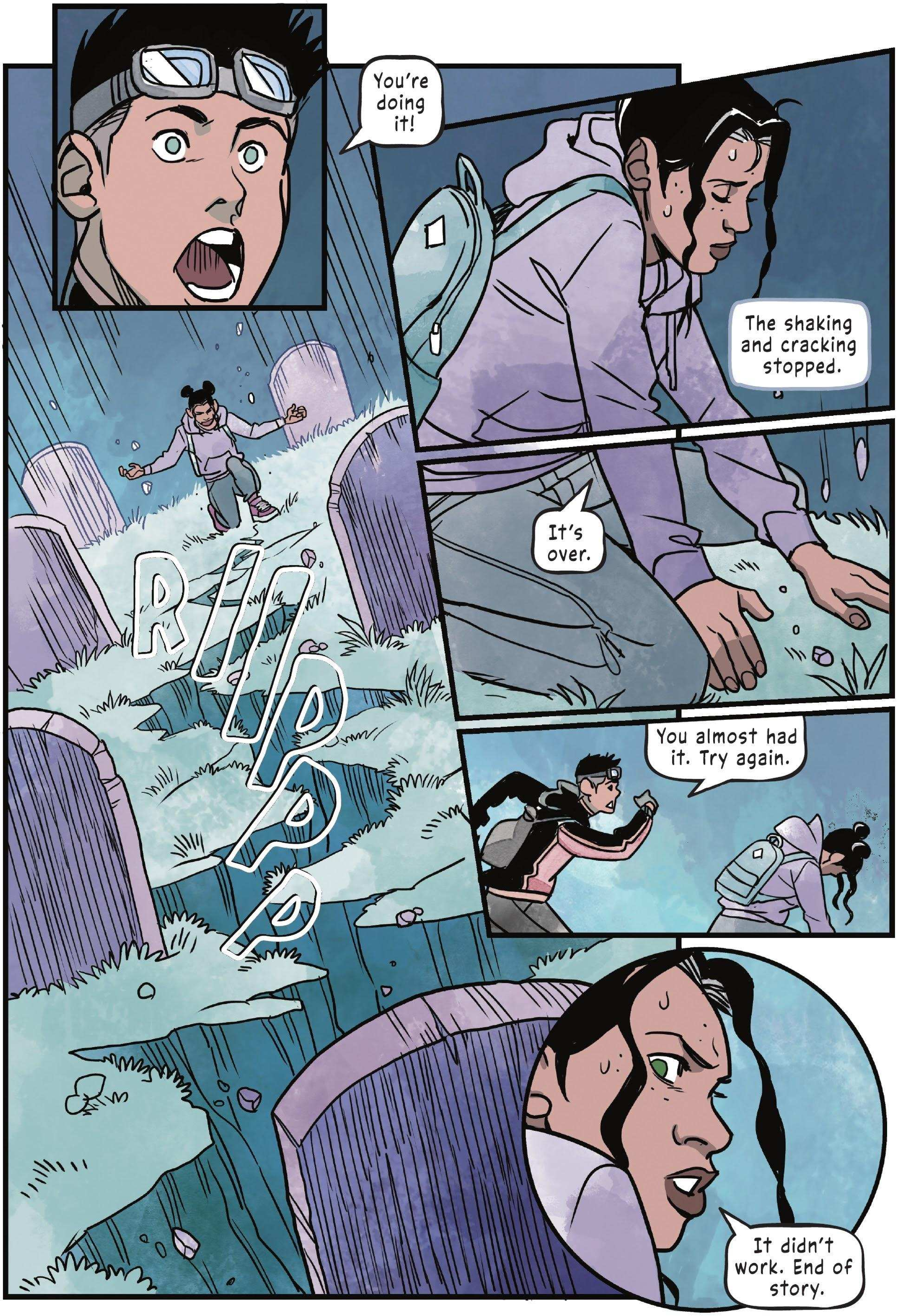
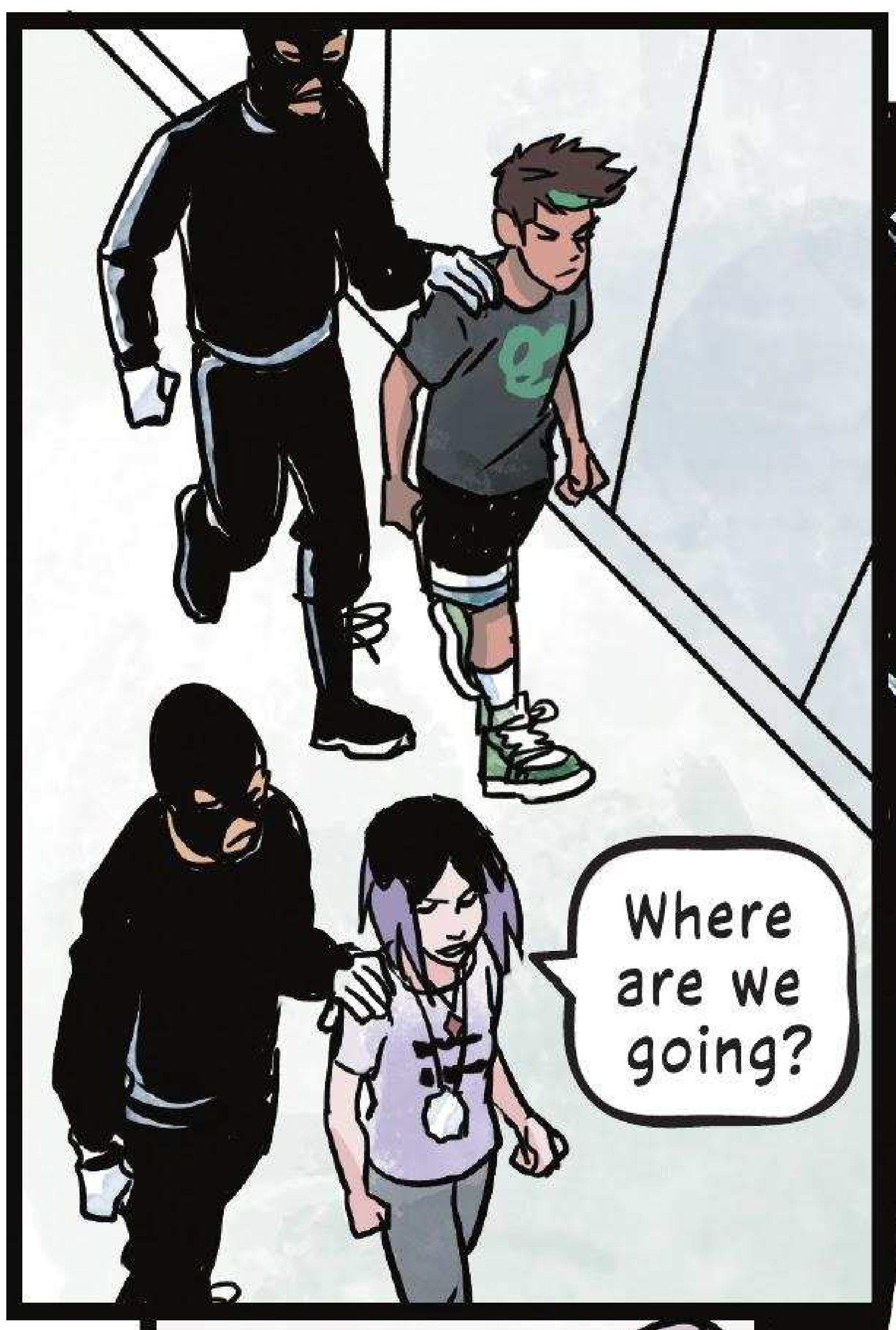
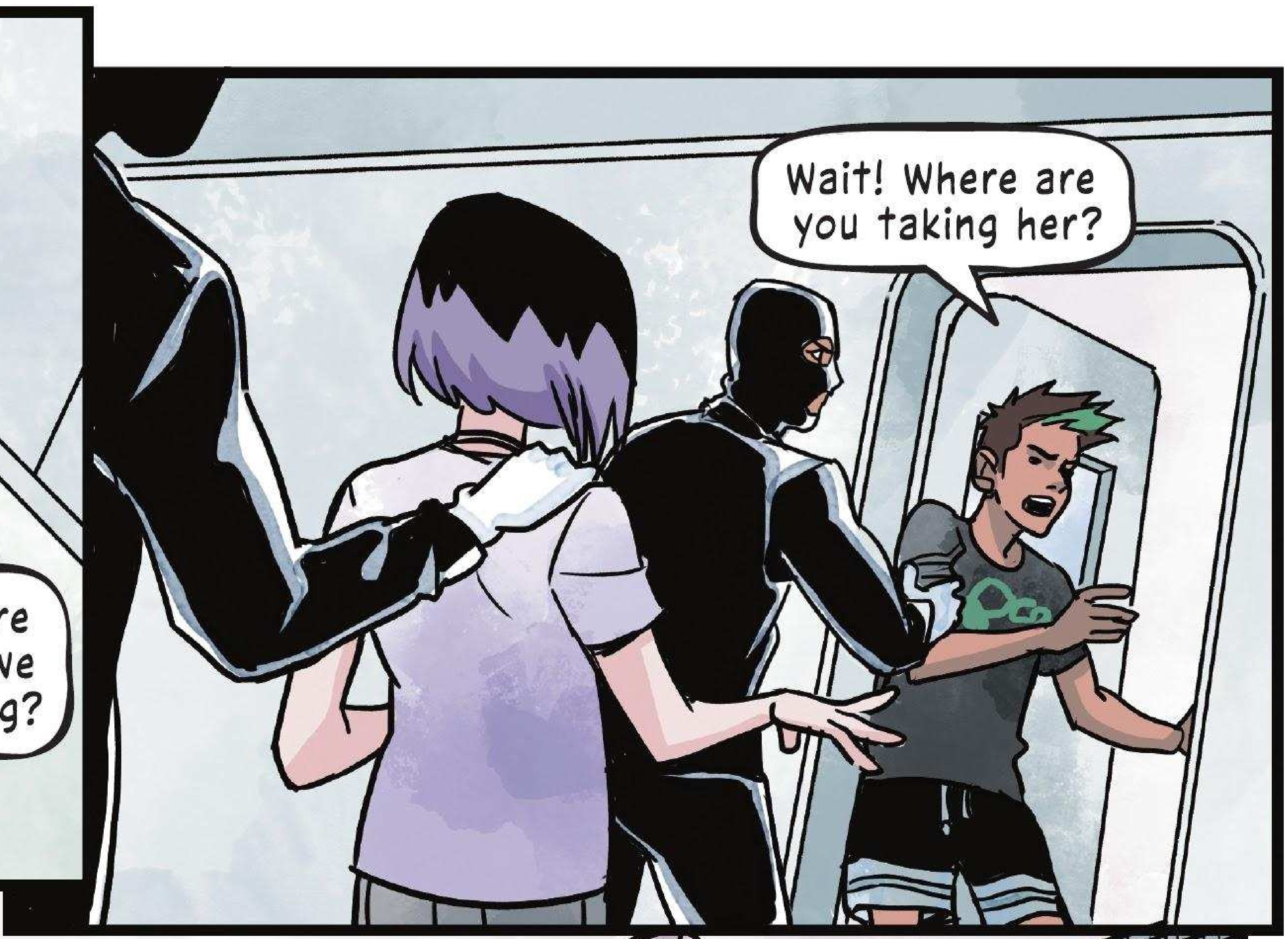
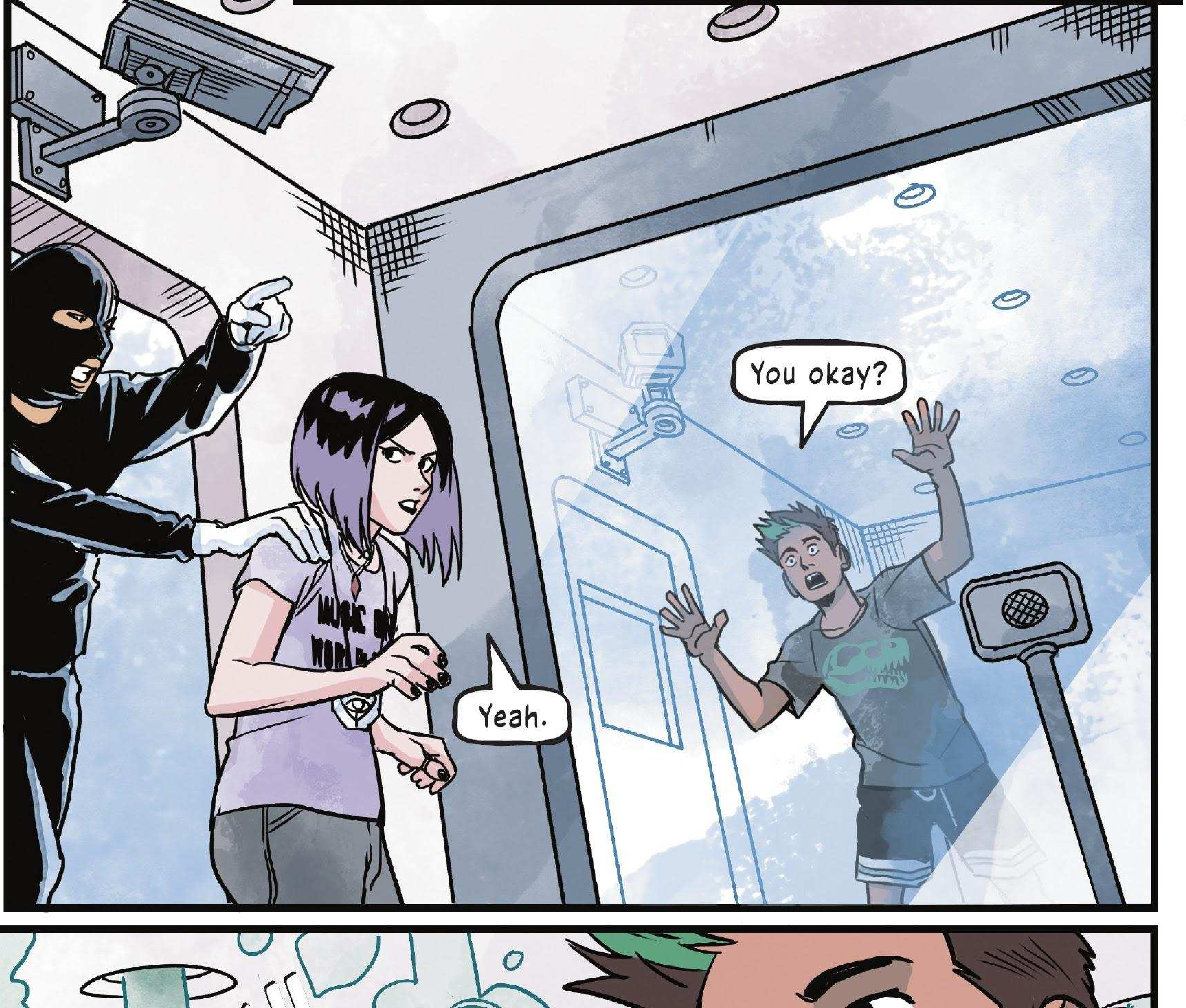
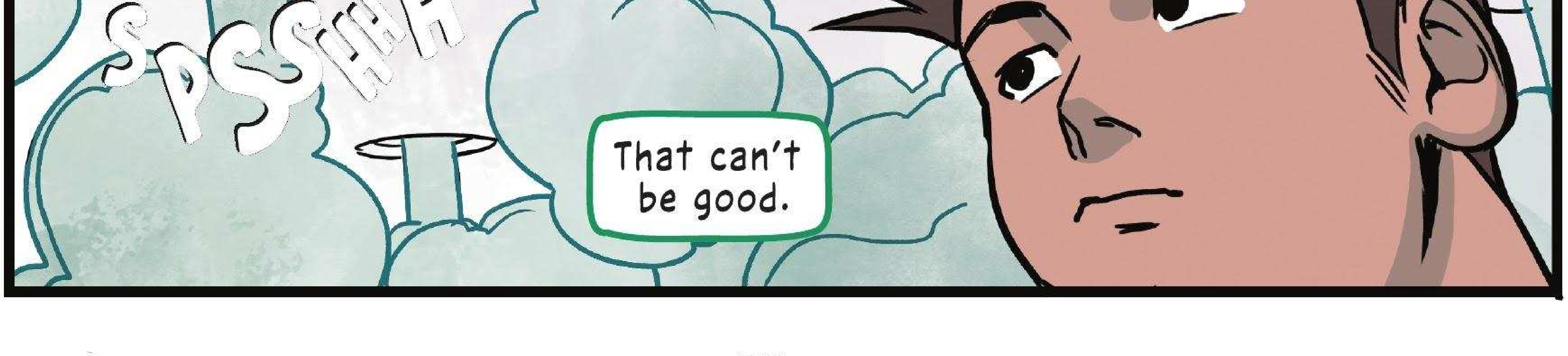
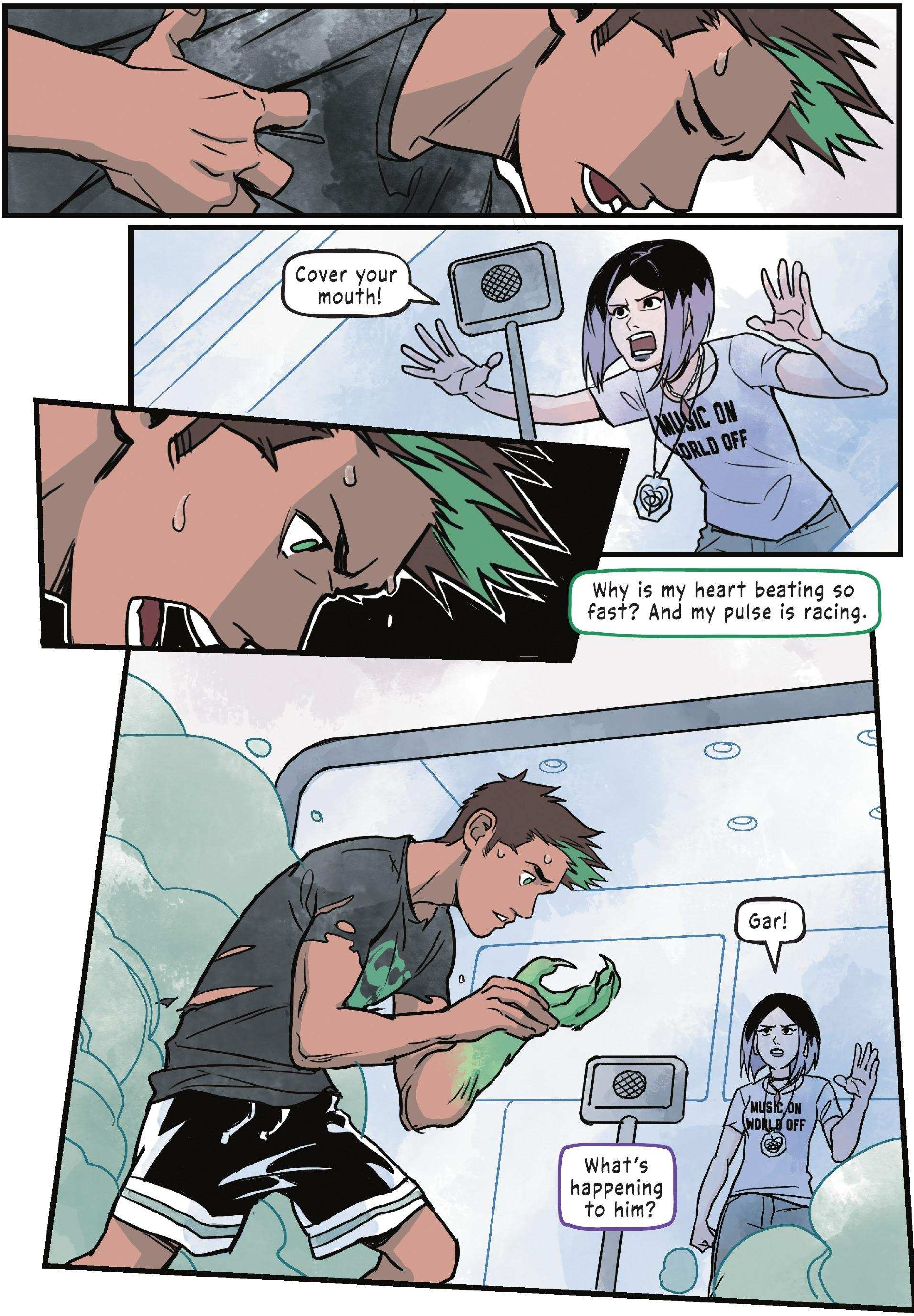

You're doing it!
RIIIPPP
The shaking and cracking stopped.
It's over.
You almost had it. Try again.
It didn't work. End of story.


Where are we going?


Wait! Where are you taking her?


You okay?
Yeah.


SPSSHHH
That can't be good.


Cover your mouth!
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF
Why is my heart beating so fast? And my pulse is racing.
Gar!
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF
What's happening to him?

Gar?
This is what was happening to him the night he got sick.

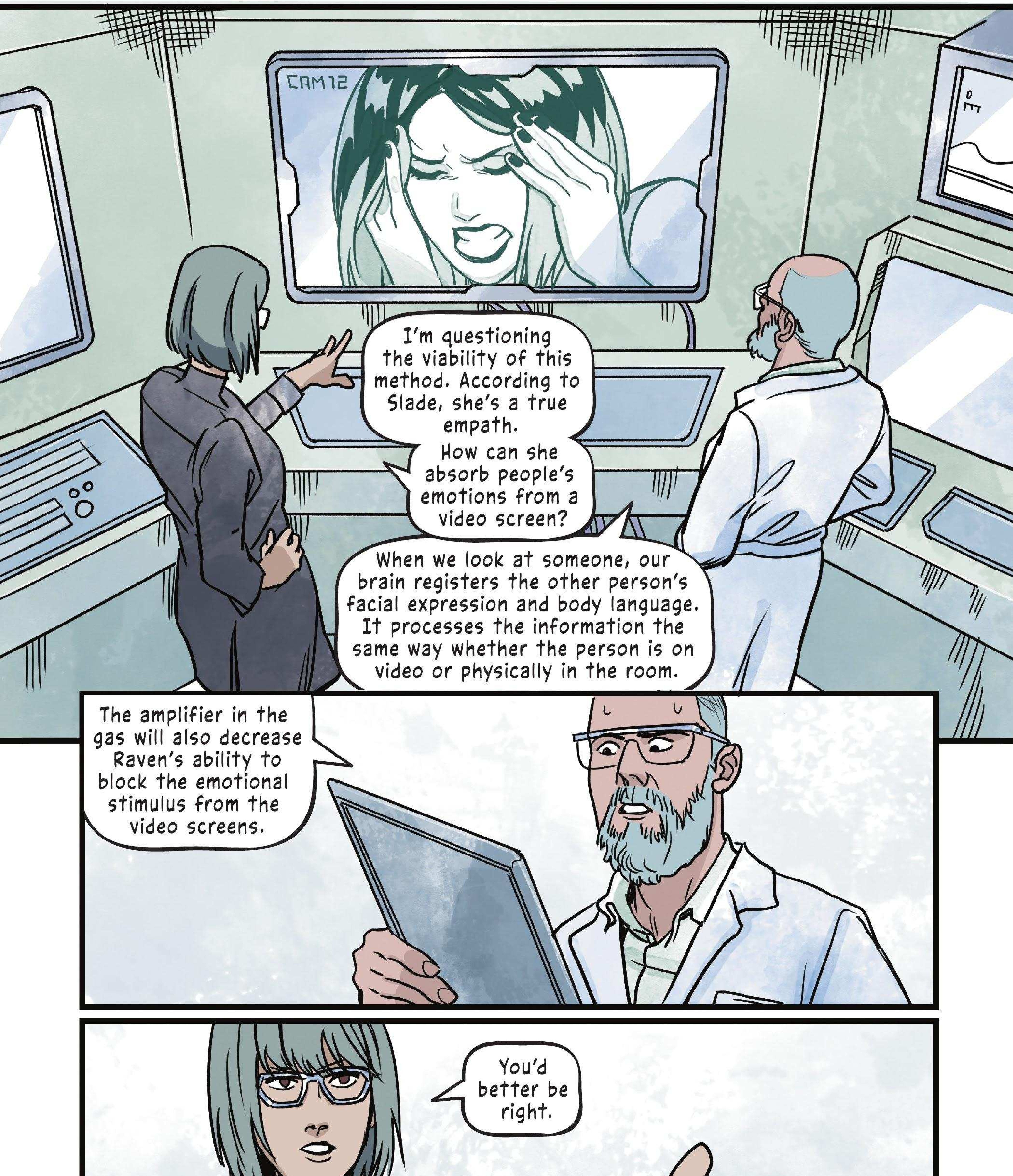
SPLASHHHH

PSSHHH!!
Gar? Are you okay?
No more.
Not sure how much more of this I can take.

Stop! You're hurting him!
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF
I can help you, daughter.
You're imagining his voice. Ignore it.
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF

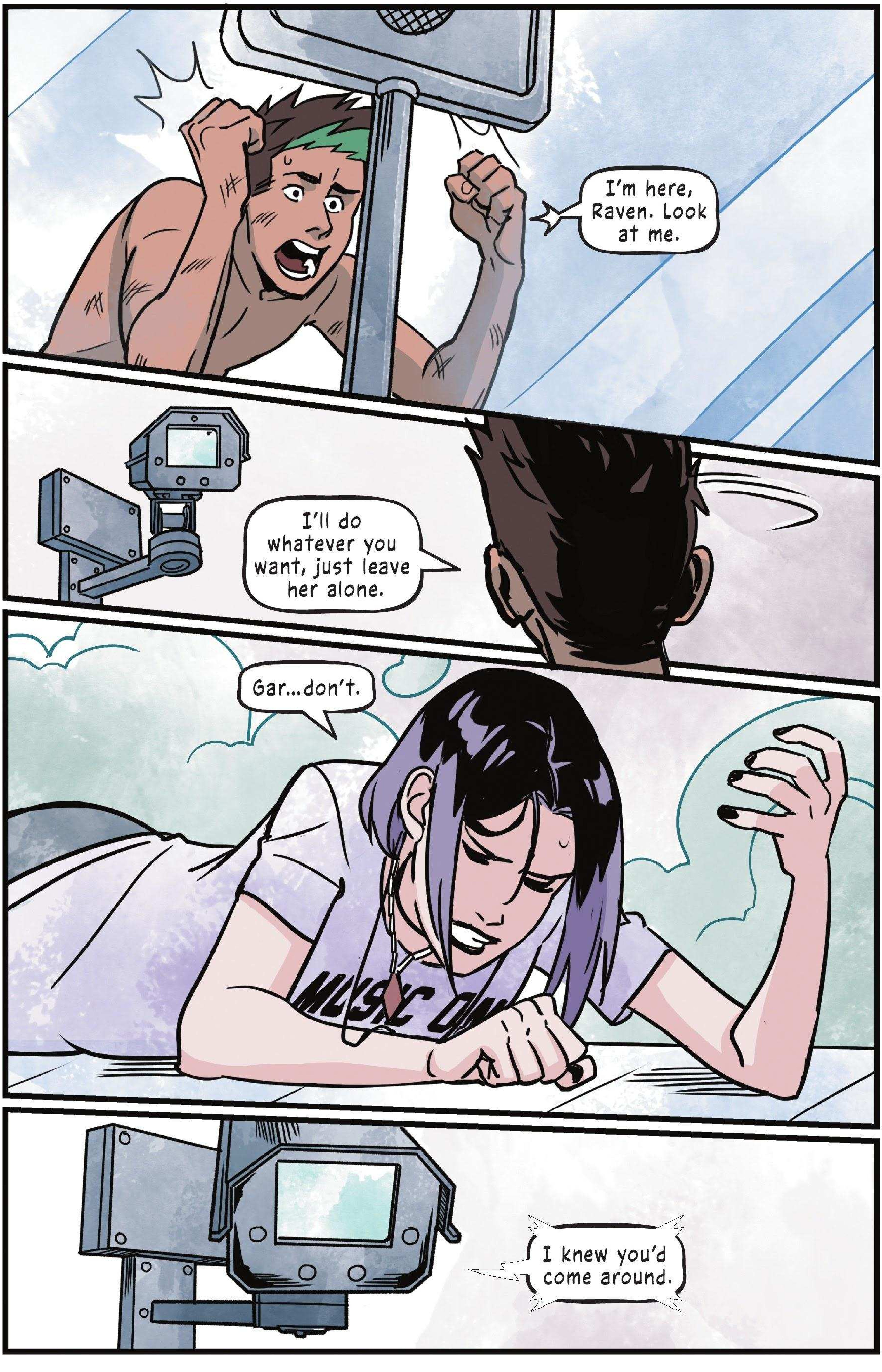
FOUR HOURS LATER
SPSSHHH
Please...make it stop.
CLICKK

PLEASE ADOPT
I'm scared.
Help me.
It's so cold.
I want my mom.
Fear.
Hunger.
PLEASE ADOPT


CAM12
I'm questioning the viability of this method. According to Slade, she's a true empath.
How can she absorb people's emotions from a video screen?
When we look at someone, our brain registers the other person's facial expression and body language. It processes the information the same way whether the person is on video or physically in the room.
The amplifier in the gas will also decrease Raven's ability to block the emotional stimulus from the video screens.
You'd better be right.

Too many voices...
How am I absorbing their emotions?
Raven? What's happening?
Make it stop.

What the hell?


I'm here, Raven. Look at me.
I'll do whatever you want, just leave her alone.
Gar...don't.
I knew you'd come around.

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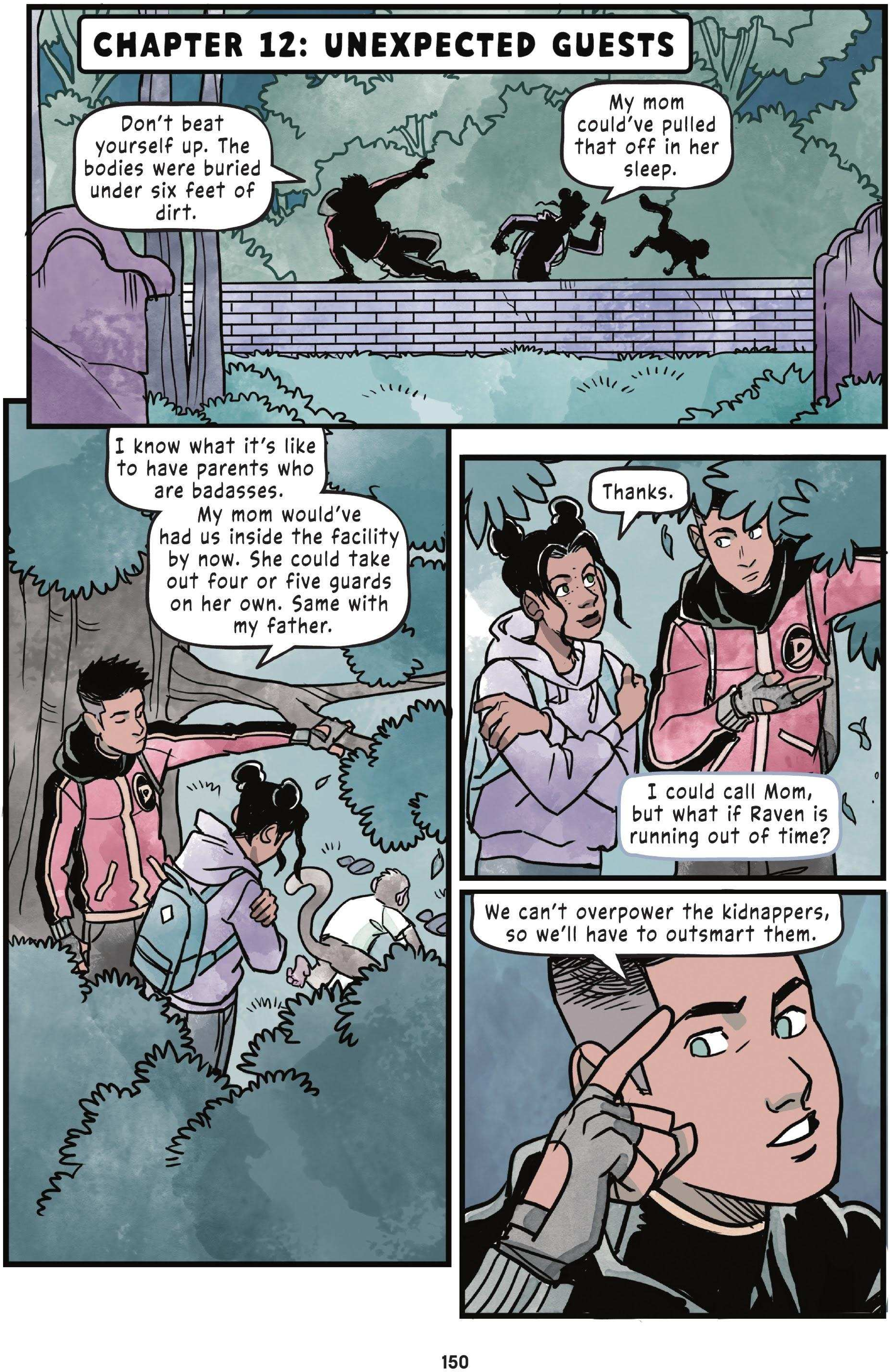
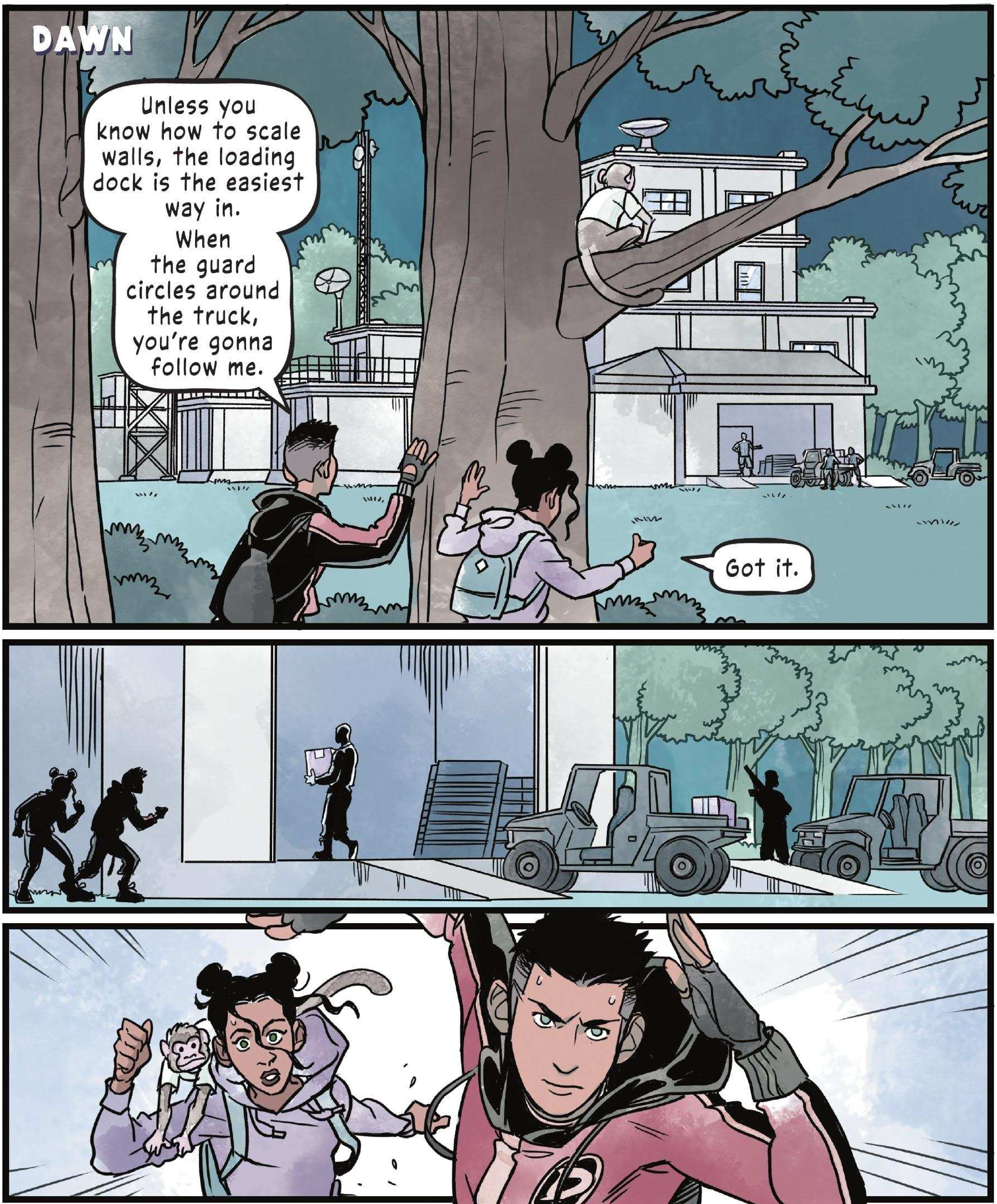
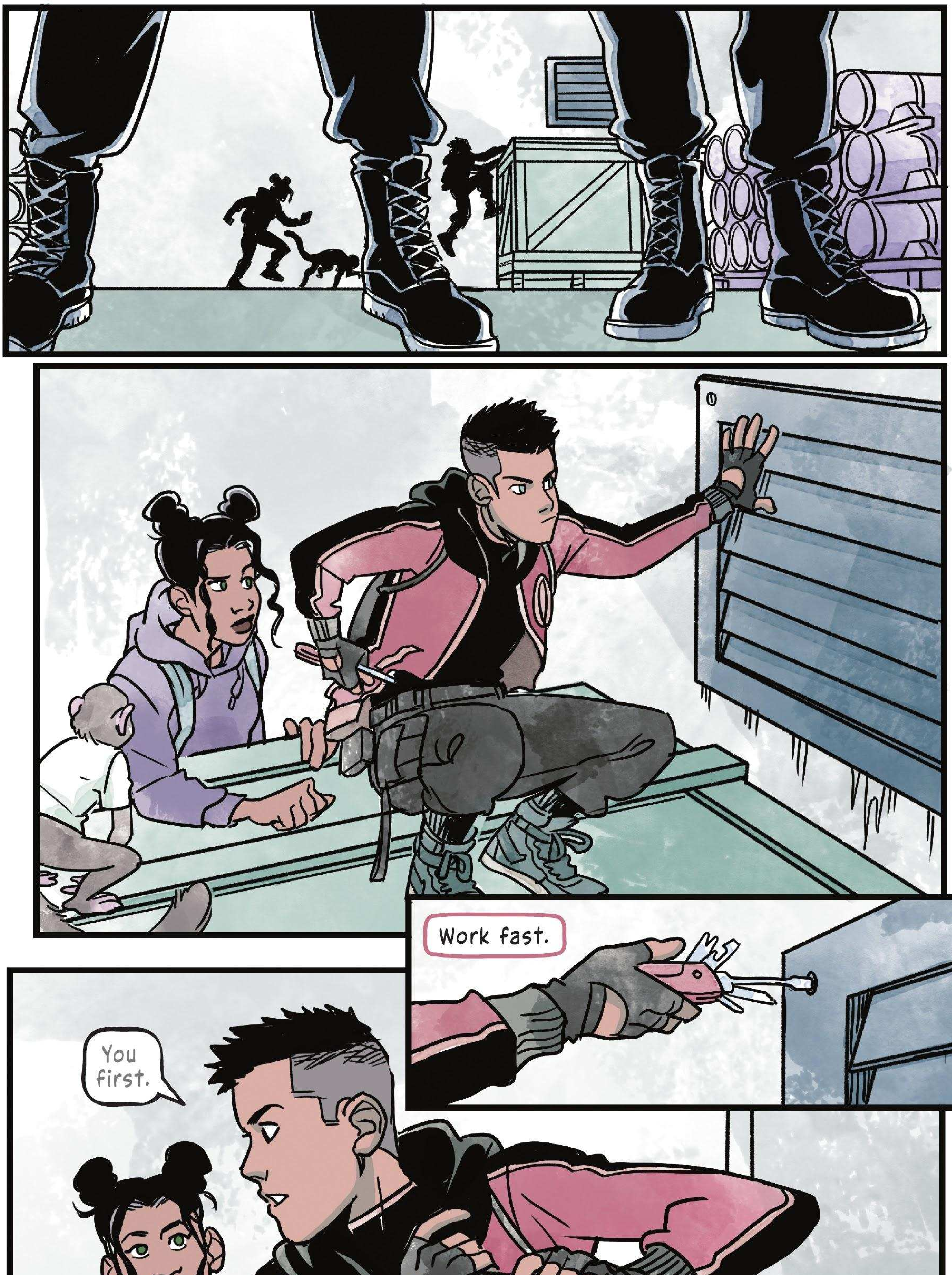
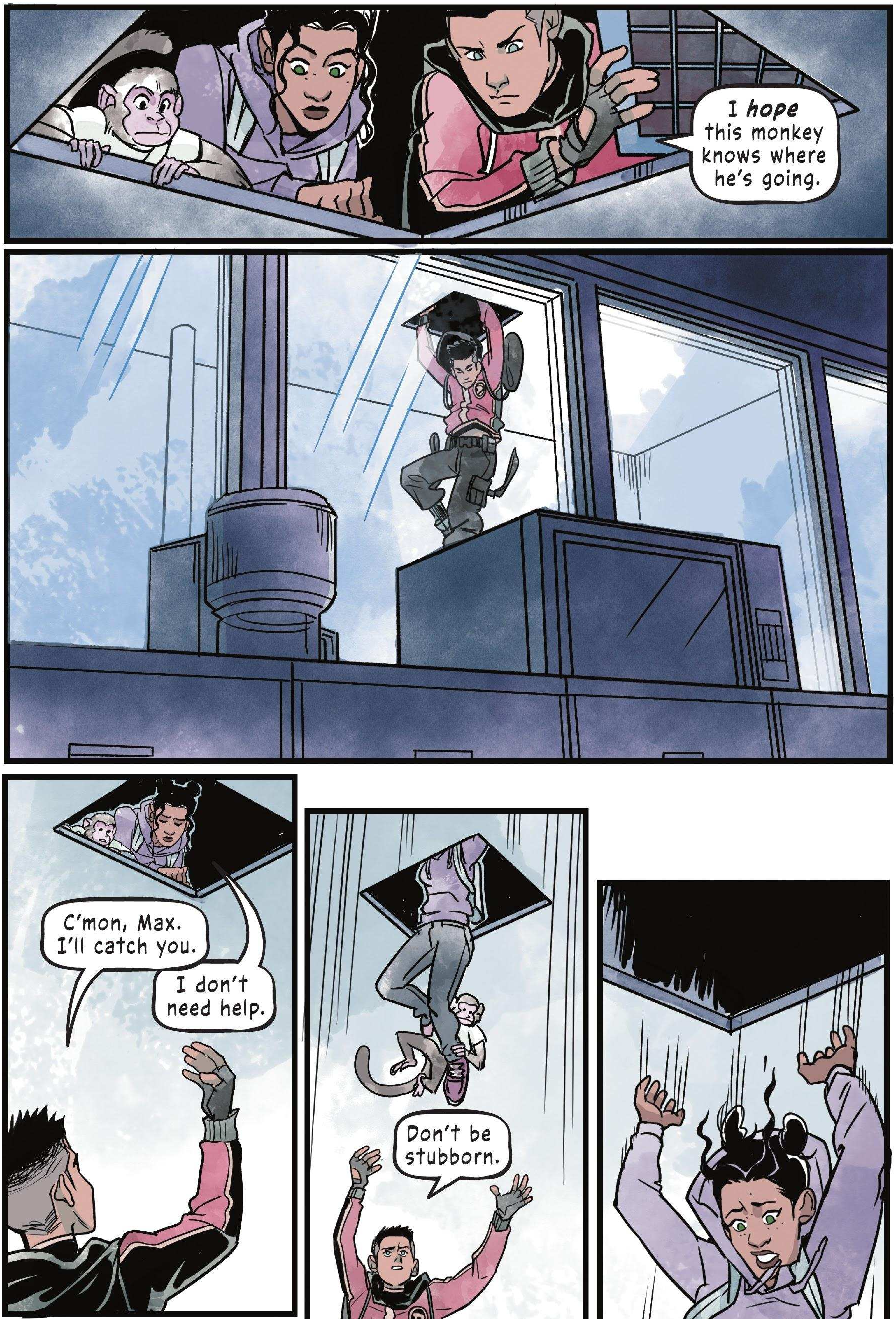
CHAPTER 12: UNEXPECTED GUESTS

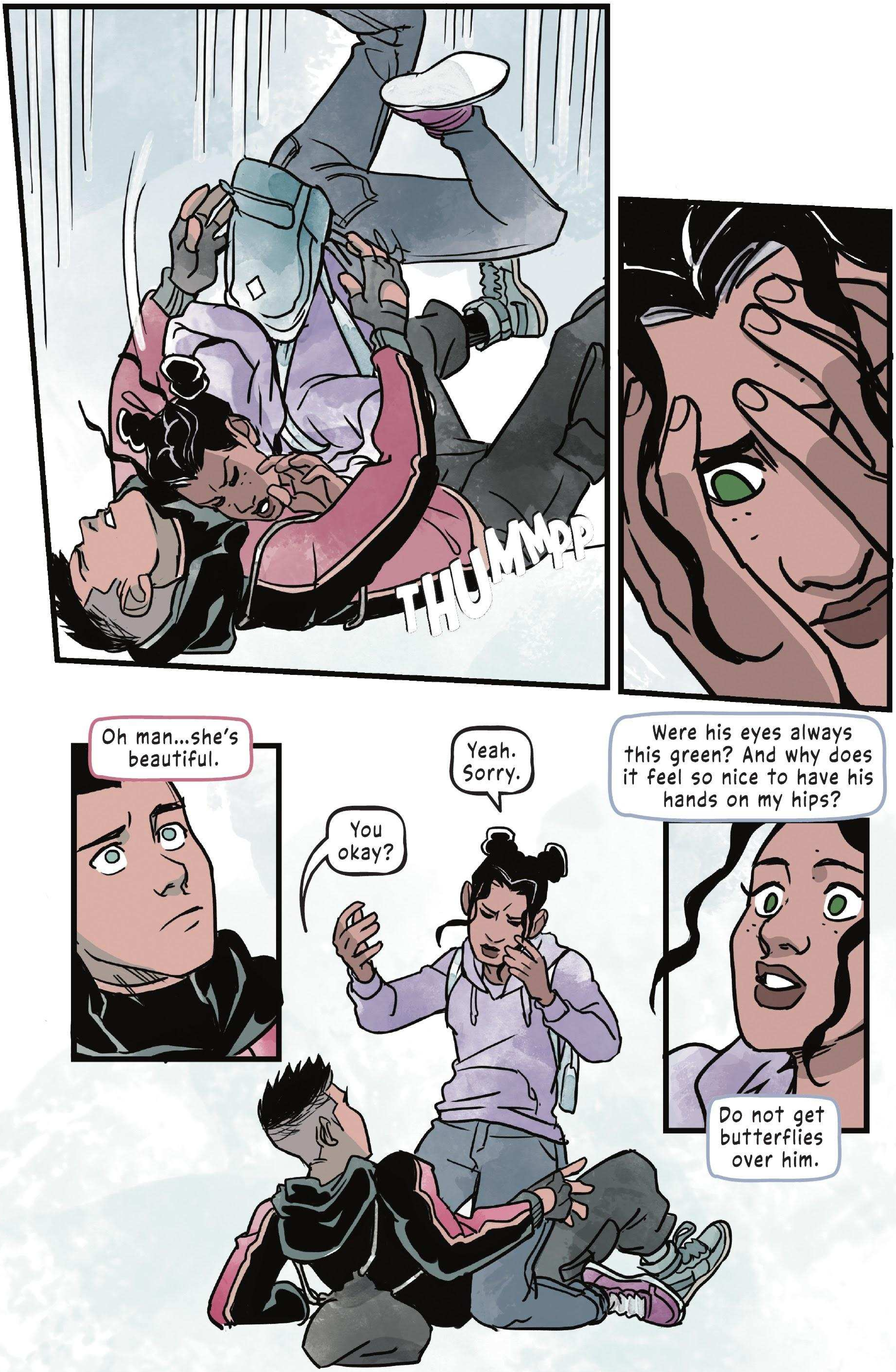

Don't beat yourself up. The bodies were buried under six feet of dirt.
My mom could've pulled that off in her sleep.
I know what it's like to have parents who are badasses.
My mom would've had us inside the facility by now. She could take out four or five guards on her own. Same with my father.
Thanks.
I could call Mom, but what if Raven is running out of time?
We can't overpower the kidnappers, so we'll have to outsmart them.

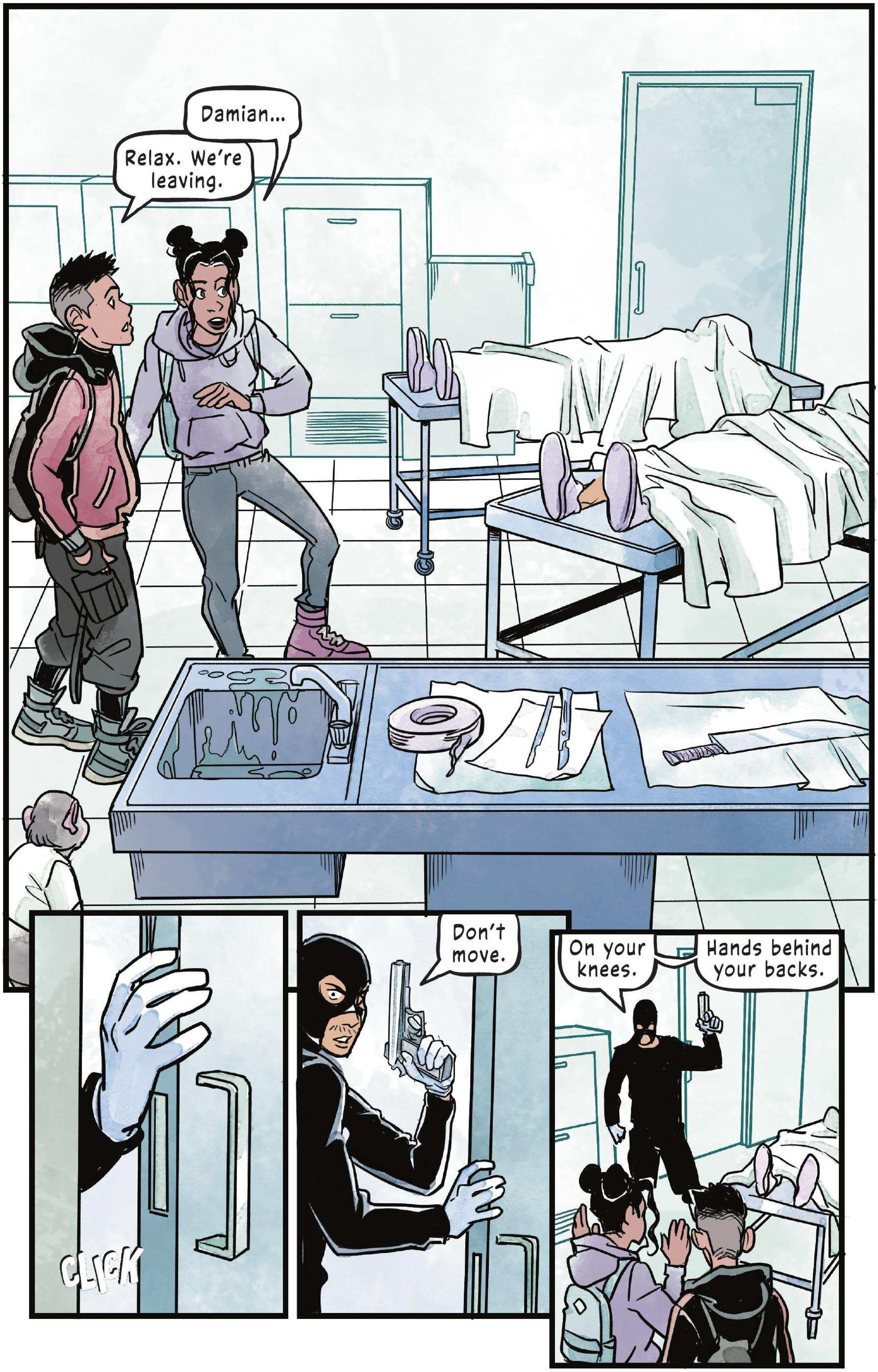

DAWN
Unless you know how to scale walls, the loading dock is the easiest way in. When the guard circles around the truck, you're gonna follow me.
Got it.

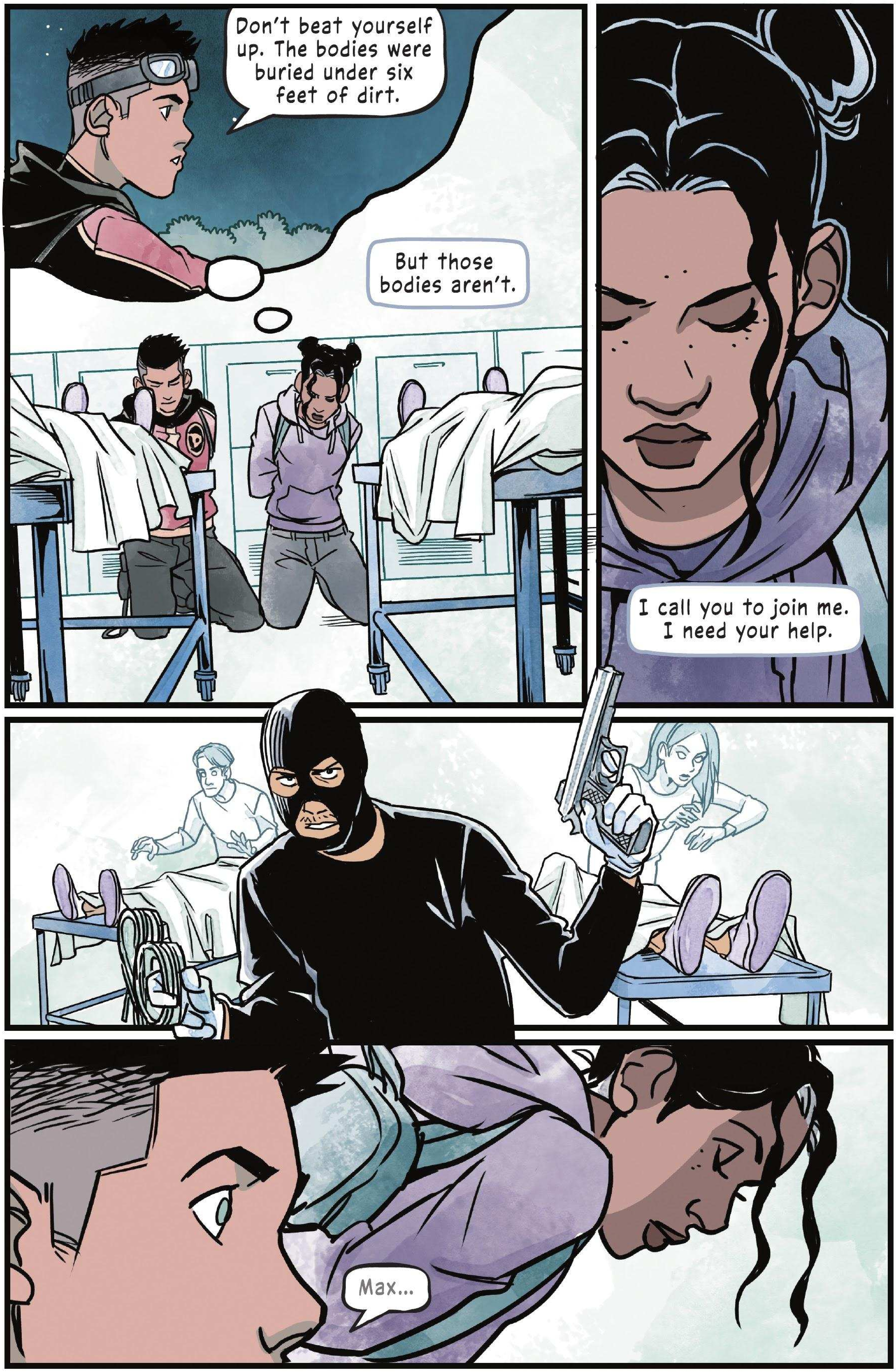

Work fast.
You first.

At least she didn't argue with me for once.
I think Kong knows where he's going.

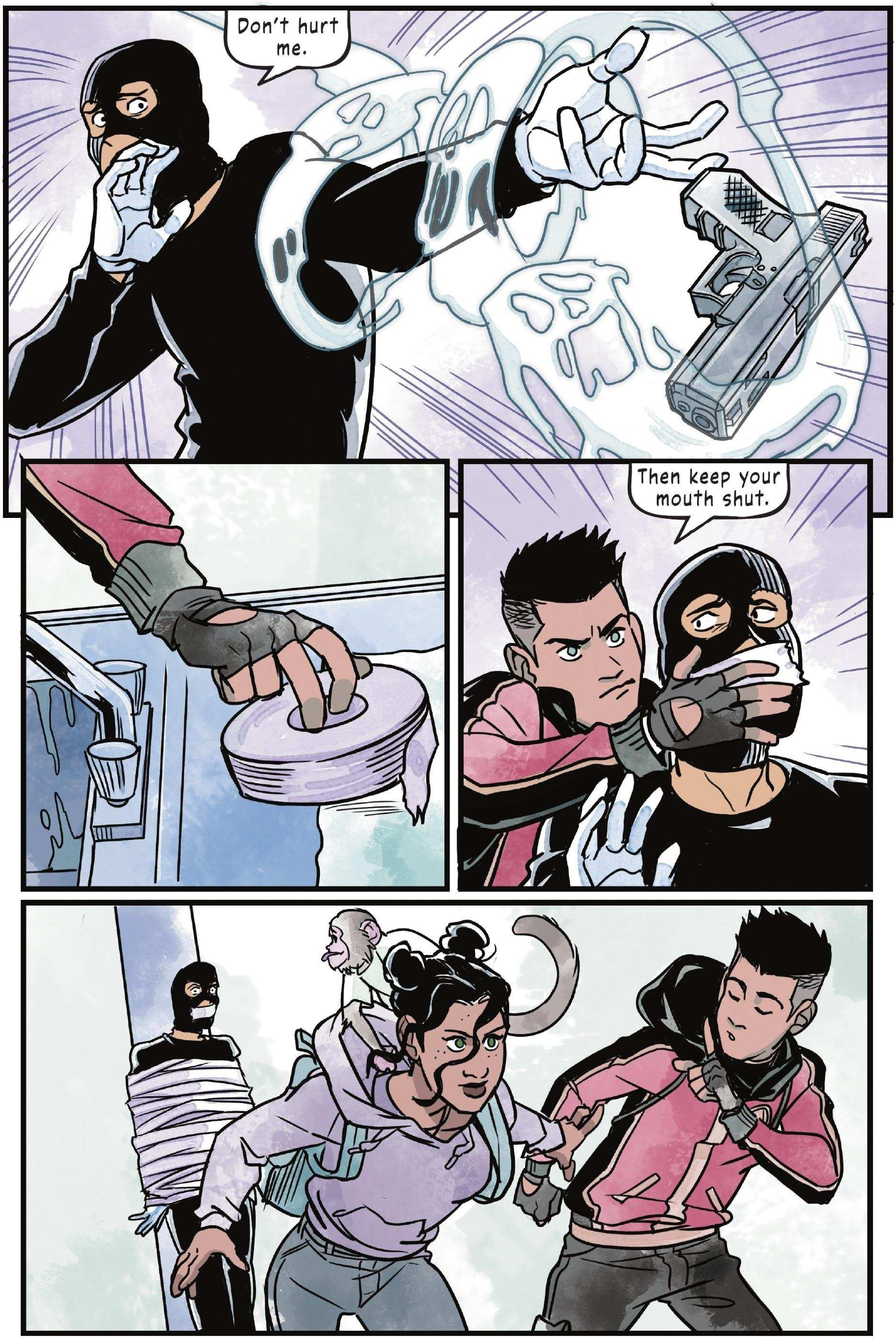

I *hope* this monkey knows where he's going.
C'mon, Max. I'll catch you.
I don't need help.
Don't be stubborn.


THUMMPP
Oh man...she's beautiful.
You okay?
Yeah. Sorry.
Were his eyes always this green? And why does it feel so nice to have his hands on my hips?
Do not get butterflies over him.


Damian...
Relax. We're leaving.
CLICK
Don't move.
On your knees.
Hands behind your backs.


Don't beat yourself up. The bodies were buried under six feet of dirt.
But those bodies aren't.
I call you to join me. I need your help.
Max...

Stay back!


Don't hurt me.
Then keep your mouth shut.

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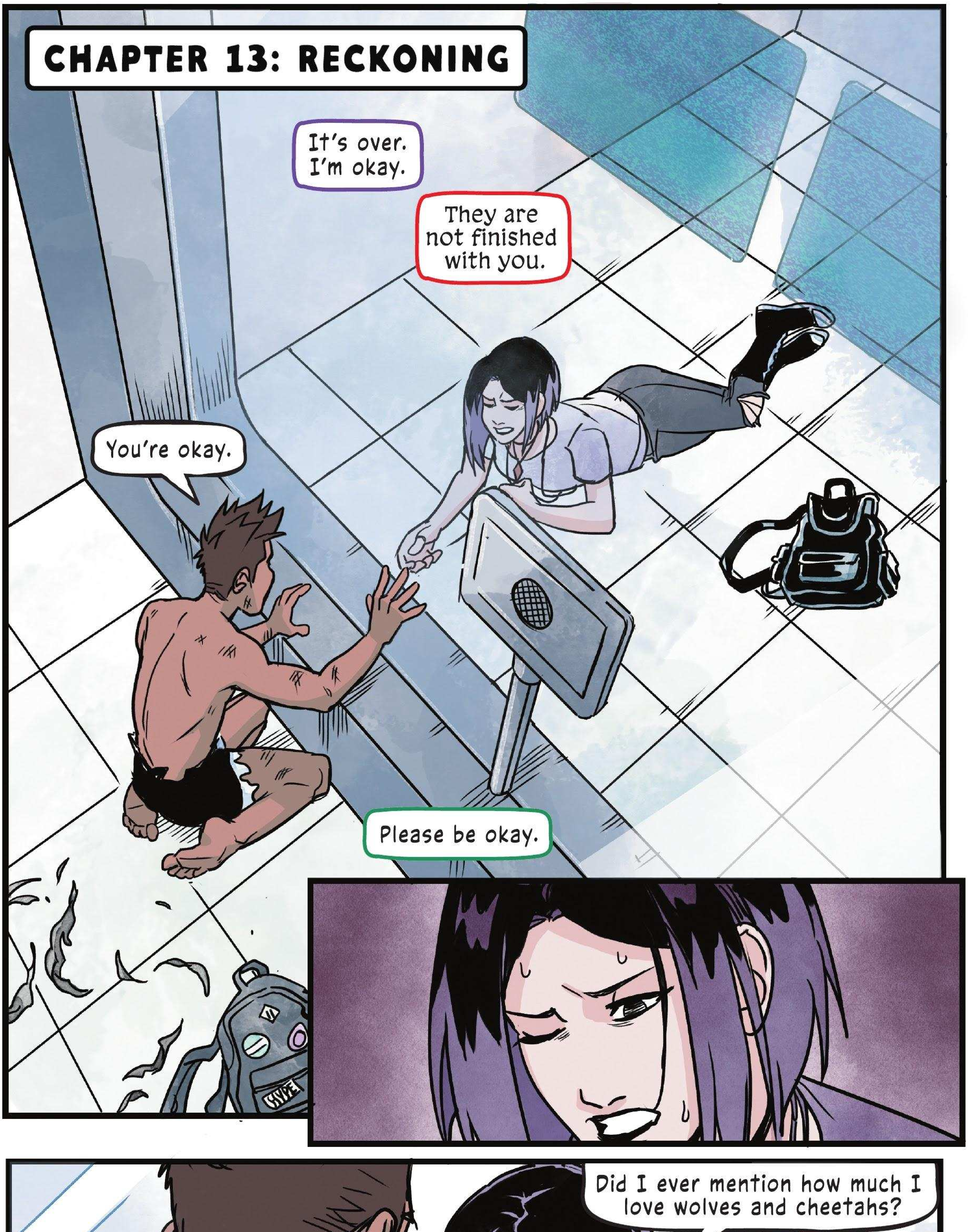
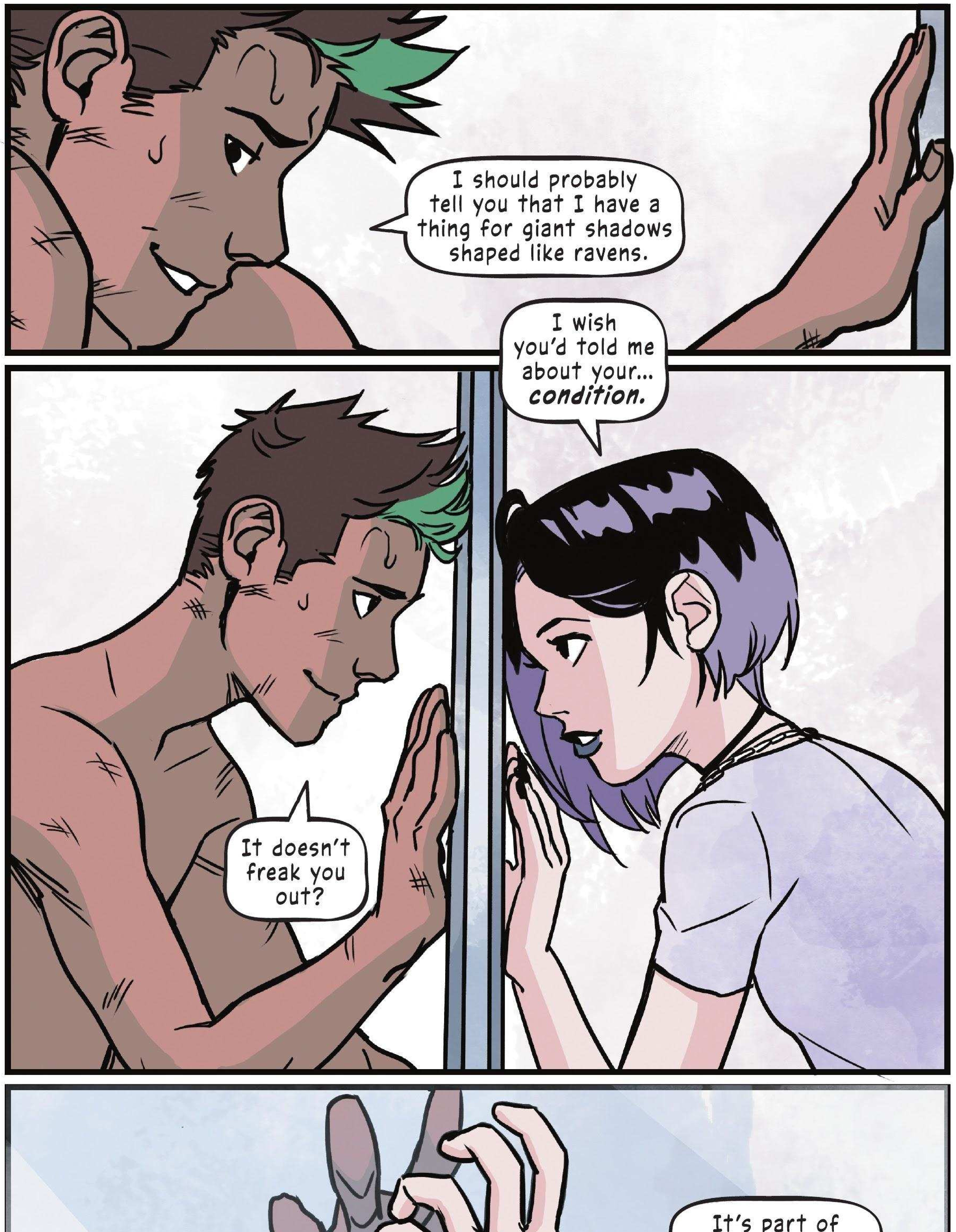
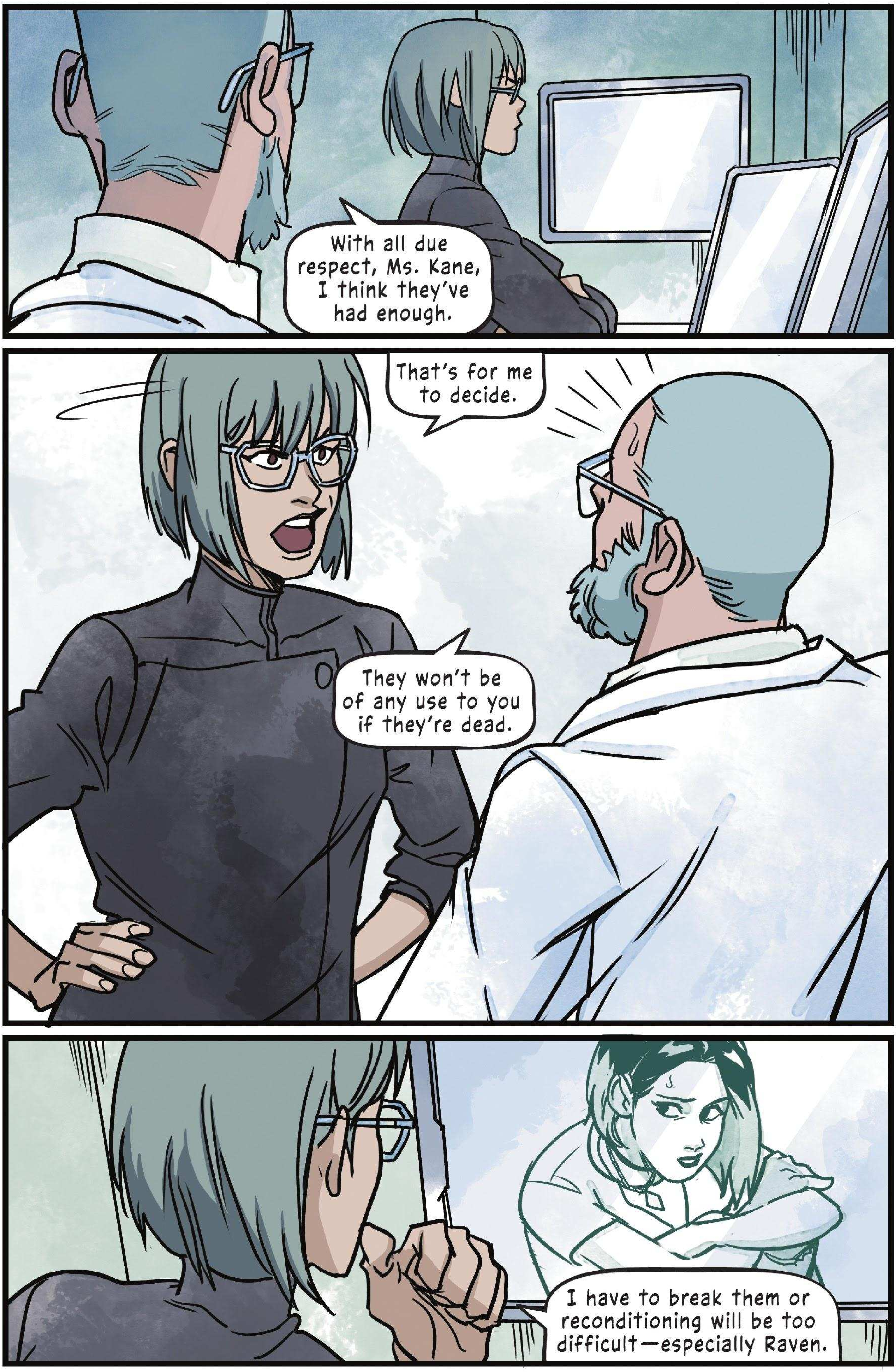

It's over. I'm okay.
They are not finished with you.
You're okay.
Please be okay.
Did I ever mention how much I love wolves and cheetahs?


I should probably tell you that I have a thing for giant shadows shaped like ravens.
I wish you'd told me about your... ***condition.***
It doesn't freak you out?
It's part of you, and I like all of you.


With all due respect, Ms. Kane, I think they've had enough.
That's for me to decide.
They won't be of any use to you if they're dead.
I have to break them or reconditioning will be too difficult—especially Raven.

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There's something I should tell you about my powers.
How do I tell him I'm a monster?
SPSSH
No more... please.
Stop it!

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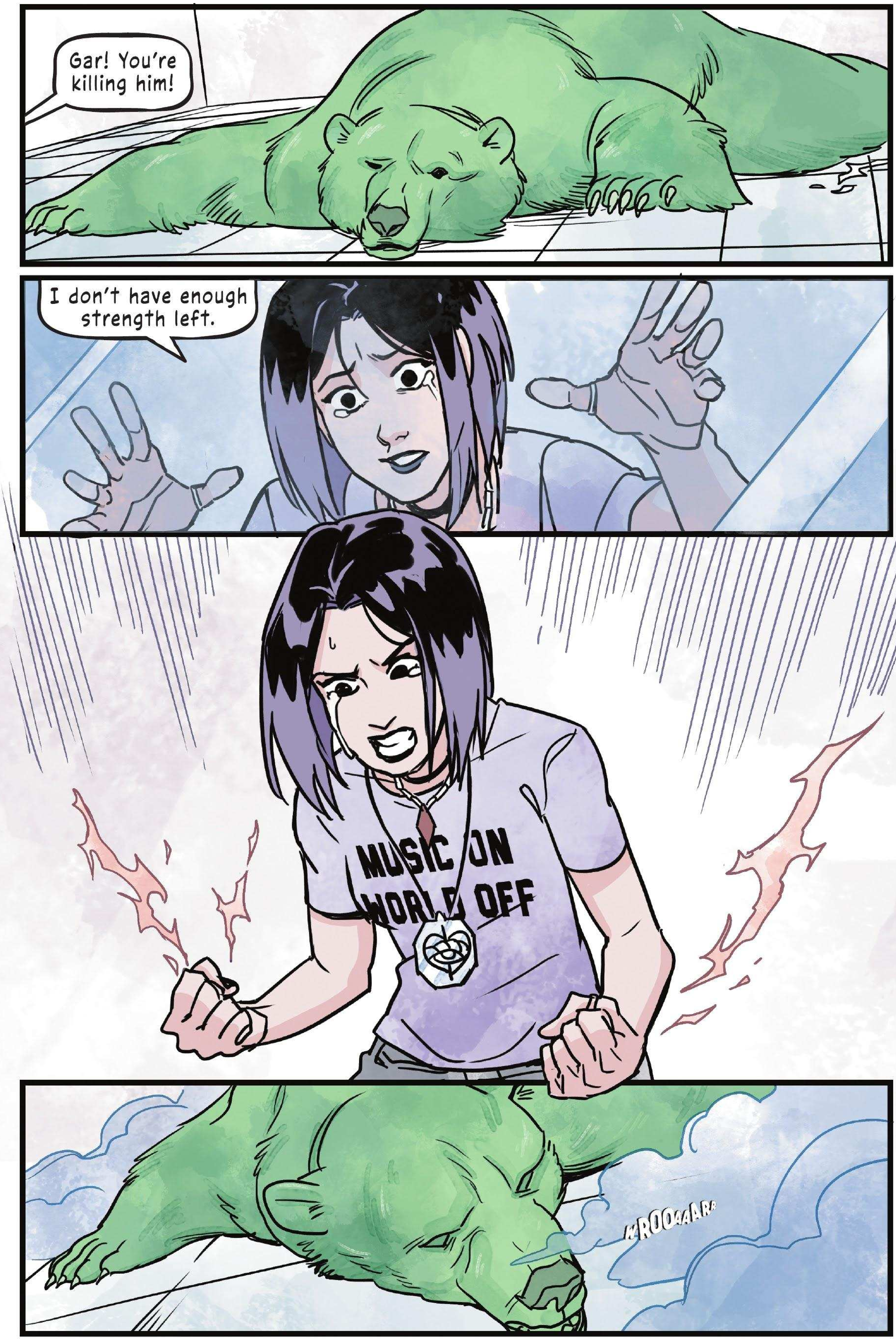
Gar! You're killing him!
I don't have enough strength left.
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF
WROOAAARR

There's only one way I can save him. I have to open up to Gar and let myself feel everything.
If I release you, Trigon, you have to help me save my friend.
It will be done. Our fates are bound. Free me and you will free yourself.
I decide my fate, and right now I'm using it to save Gar.

MUSIC ON
WORLD OFF

BOOOOMMM
What is that thing?
Who cares! Shoot it!

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Your pathetic mortal toys cannot harm me.
Dear god. What are we looking at?
Future defense technology, if we can get our hands on it.

MUSIC ON
WORLD OF
SMASHHH

Am I seeing what I think I'm seeing? 'Cuz that looks like a monster.
Meet Raven's dad. Technically, he's a demon.
Positions!
Particle dispersers on!

ROAAWWRR
I've gotta help her. What good is this power if I can't use it to help the girl I'm crazy about?

This is *my* body, and for once, it's gonna listen to *me.*
RWRAWR

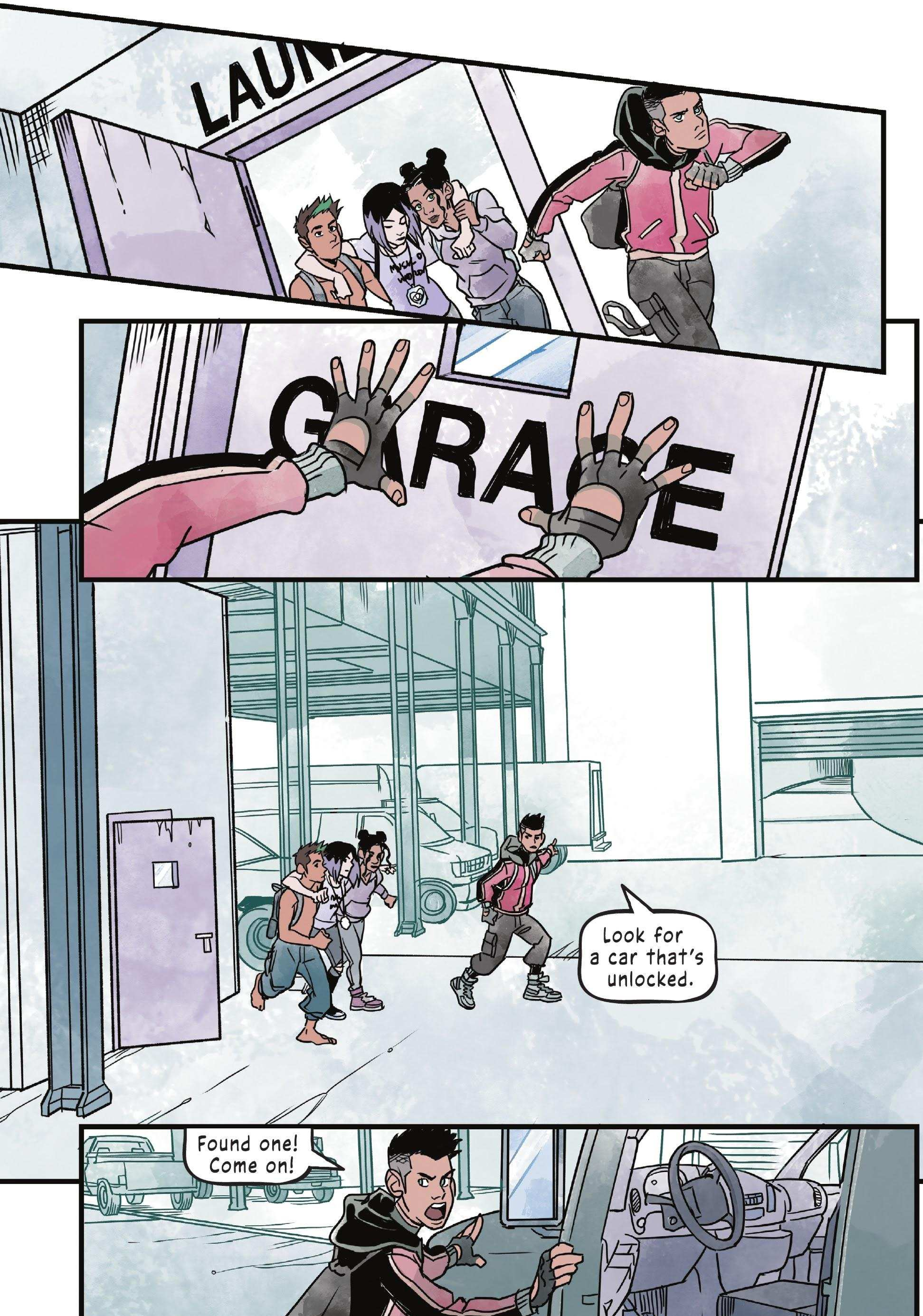
No!

Go, Max!

What are you doing here?
Saving you.
Who's he?
Her new boyfriend.
He is *not* my boyfriend.
Yet.

CHAPTER 14: DIRTY LAUNDRY

THREE HALLWAYS LATER
LAUNDRY
In there!
Go! Go! Go!

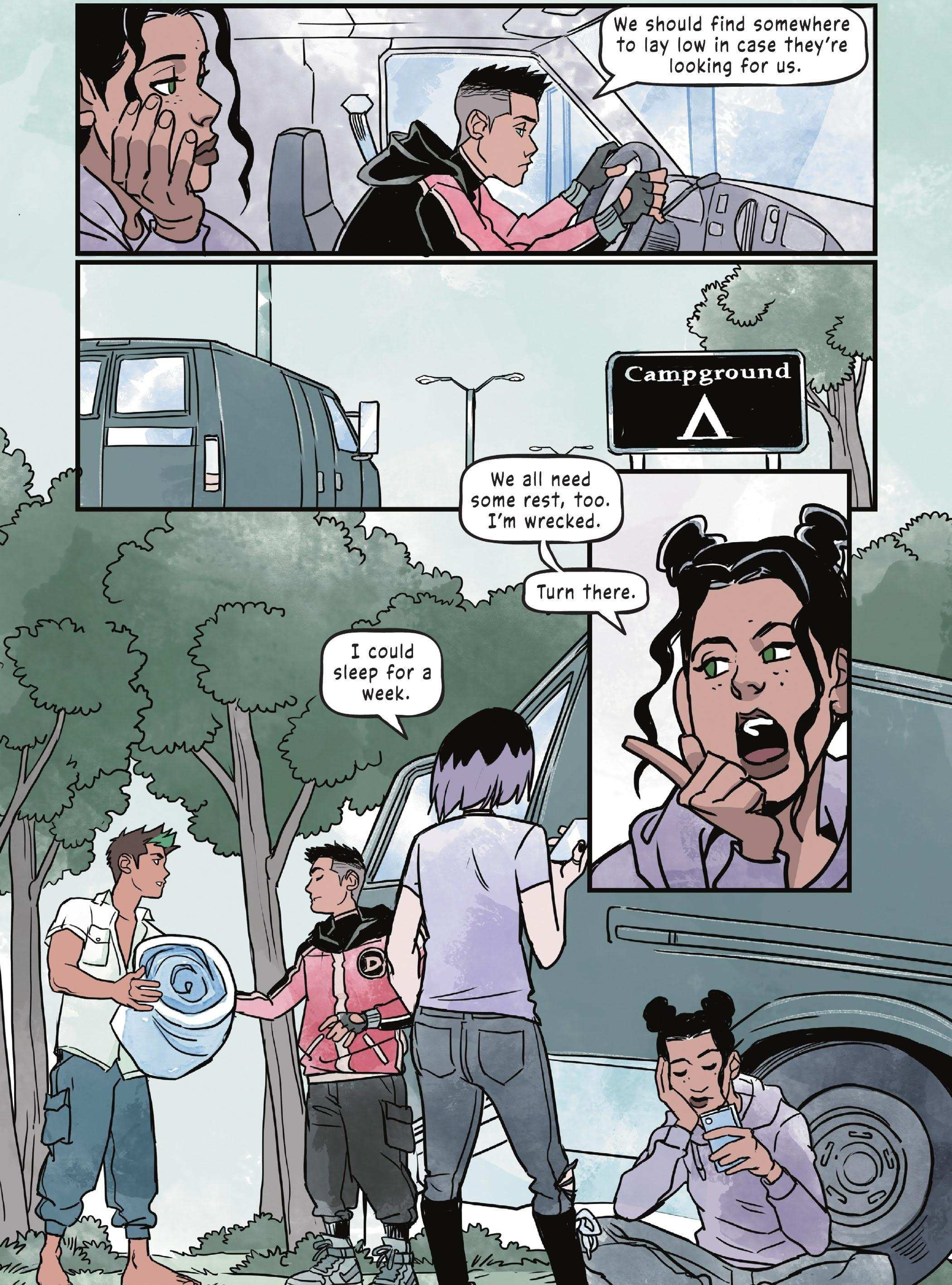

LAUN
GARAGE
Look for a car that's unlocked.
Found one! Come on!

How'd you learn to hot-wire a car?
My mom.
TSSTT

I still don't understand how you knew where to find me, Max. And how did you meet this guy?
It's a long story. I followed you from N.O.L.A. because I was worried.
I saw the men grab you, but I was too far away to do anything about it.
Ditto. I was on the roof of the building doing recon. I was supposed to meet Slade an hour later.
Damian Wayne, by the way.
Recon? Okay...
I'm Gar. Thanks for the help back there.

Do you know what those people were planning to do with you two?
They were interested in our powers. My guess is they're involved in human trafficking.
MUSIC ON
Or they're doing experiments for the military or a pharmaceutical company.
I wonder where that dirtbag Slade is right now.

ROSE BOWL FLEA MARKET
LOS ANGELES, CA
Rose Bowl
Fish
DANCE BAR
Zapp
LONE
OVERTHIN
Adeline? I knew your second-rate mercenaries would screw up. But I have a contingency plan.


We should find somewhere to lay low in case they're looking for us.
Campground
We all need some rest, too. I'm wrecked.
Turn there.
I could sleep for a week.

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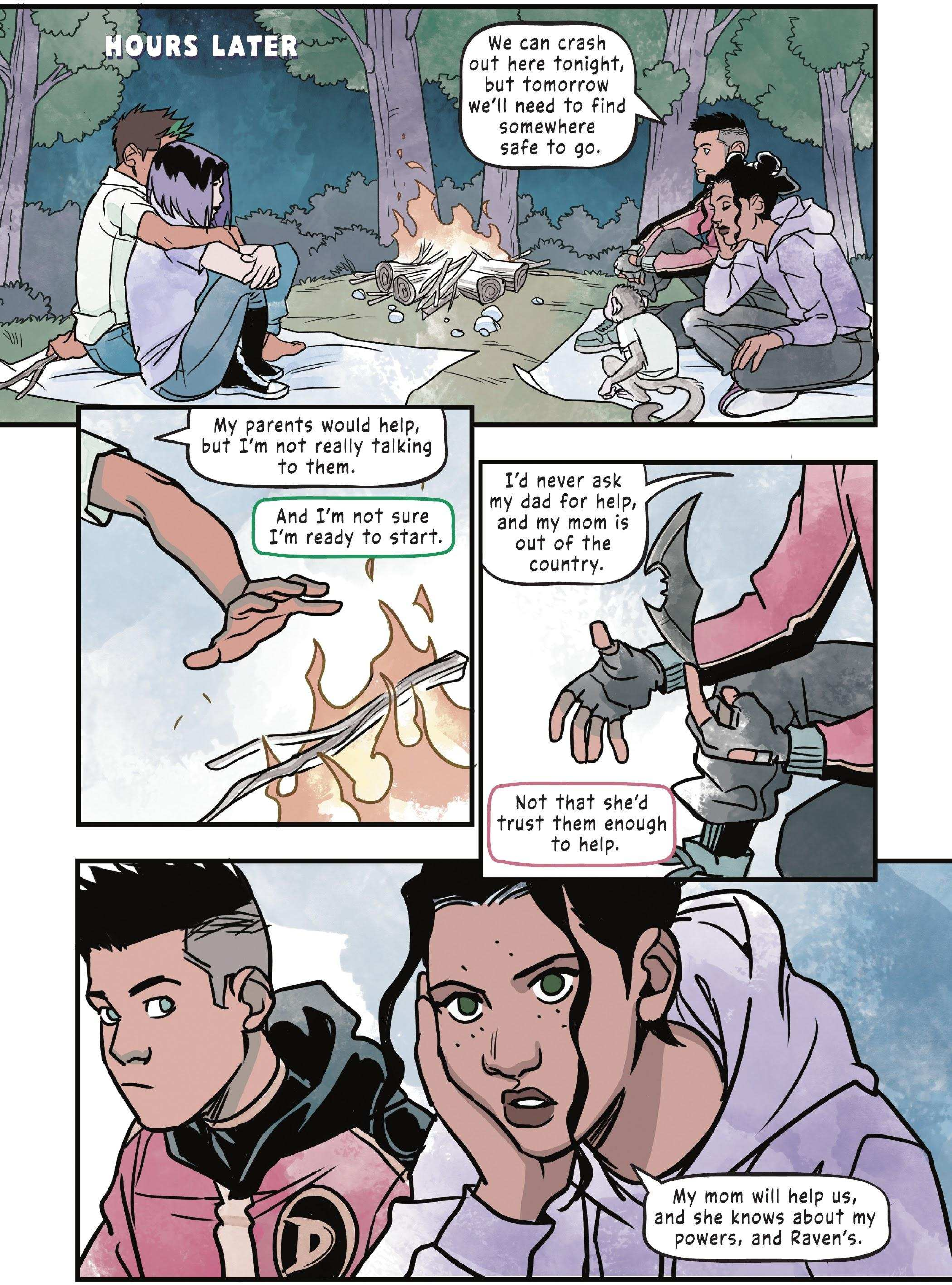
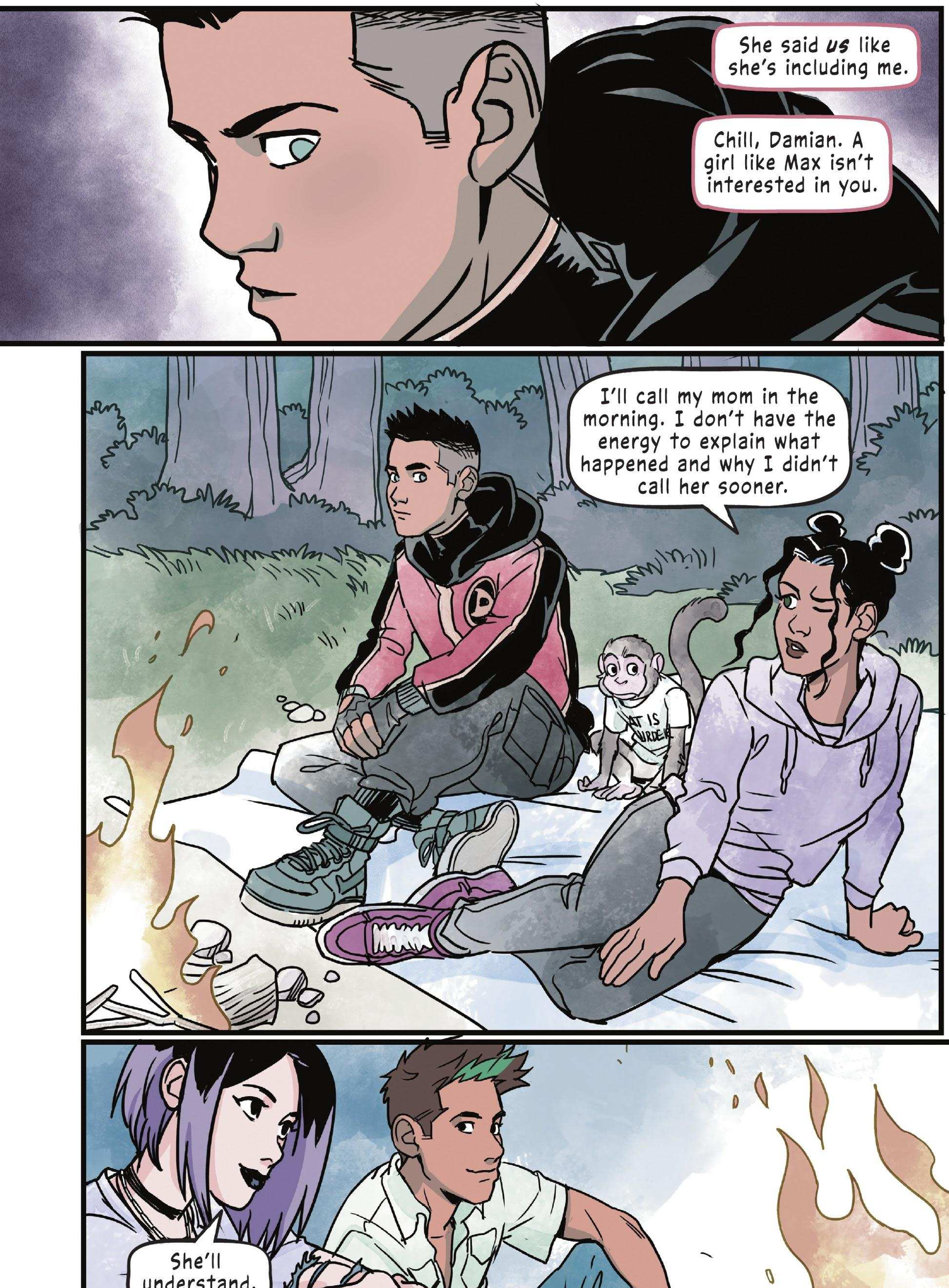
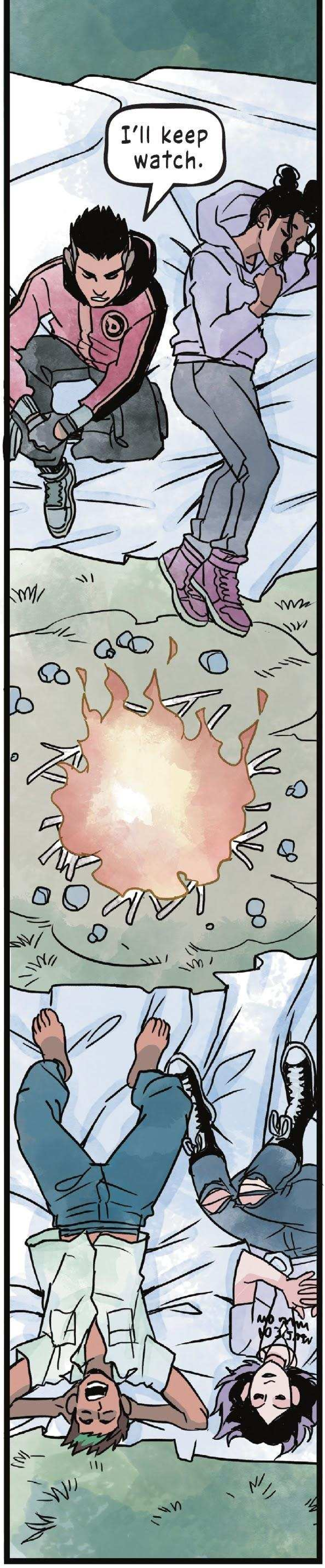
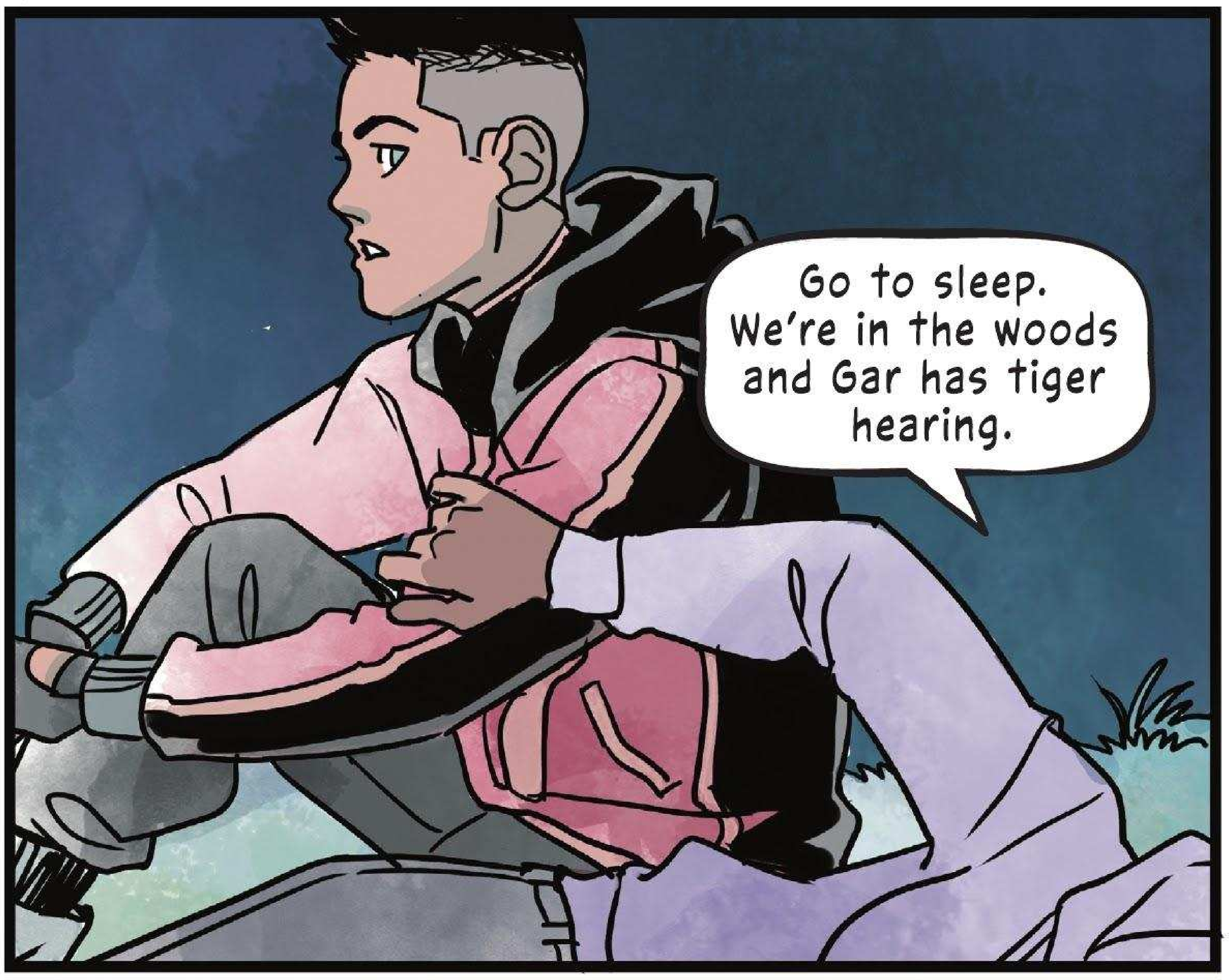
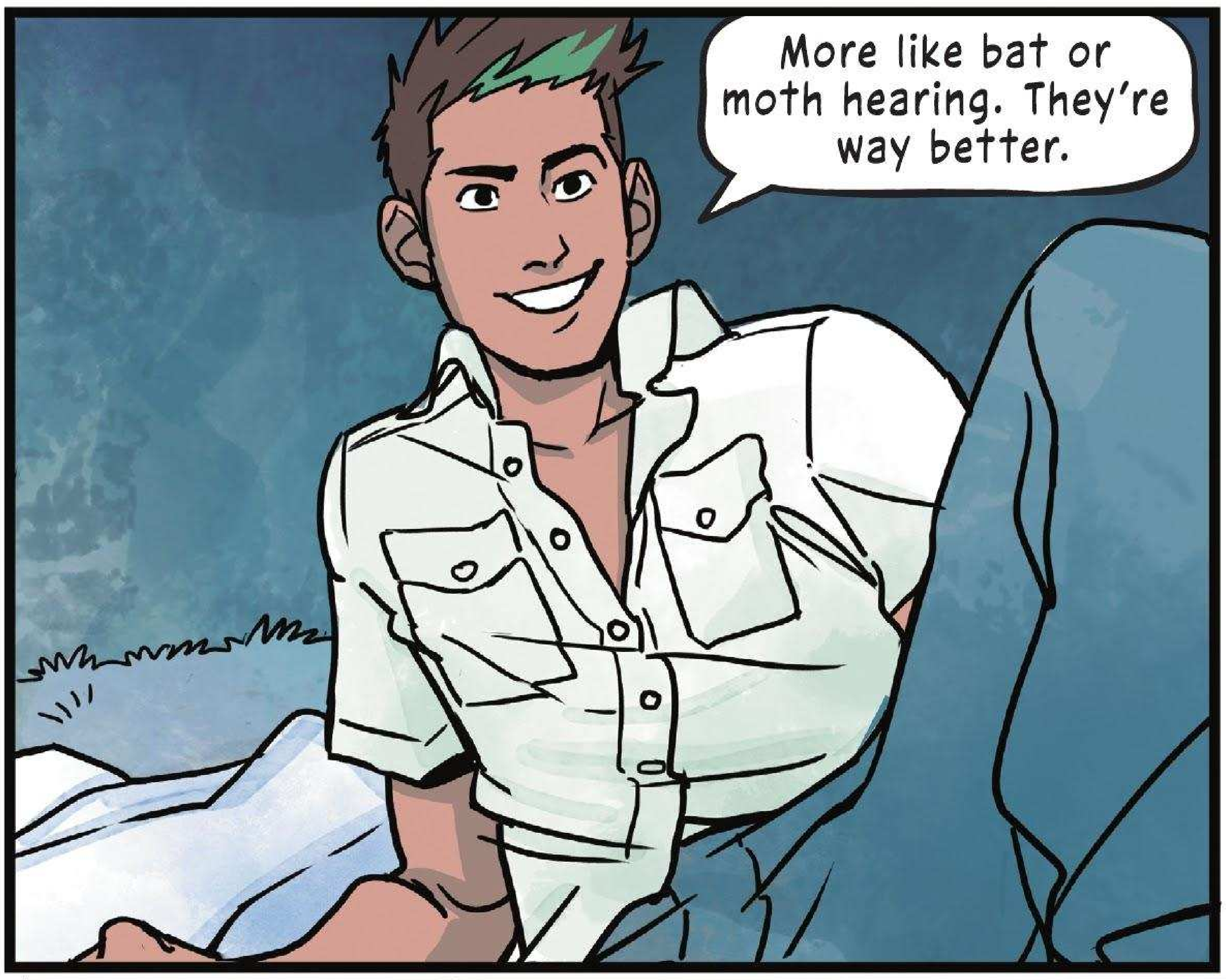
What if they're looking for us, Gar?
They won't find us out here, but I won't let anyone hurt you.
Even though you were the one who rescued me.
We rescued each other.
You were pretty great in the morgue.
You did okay, too.

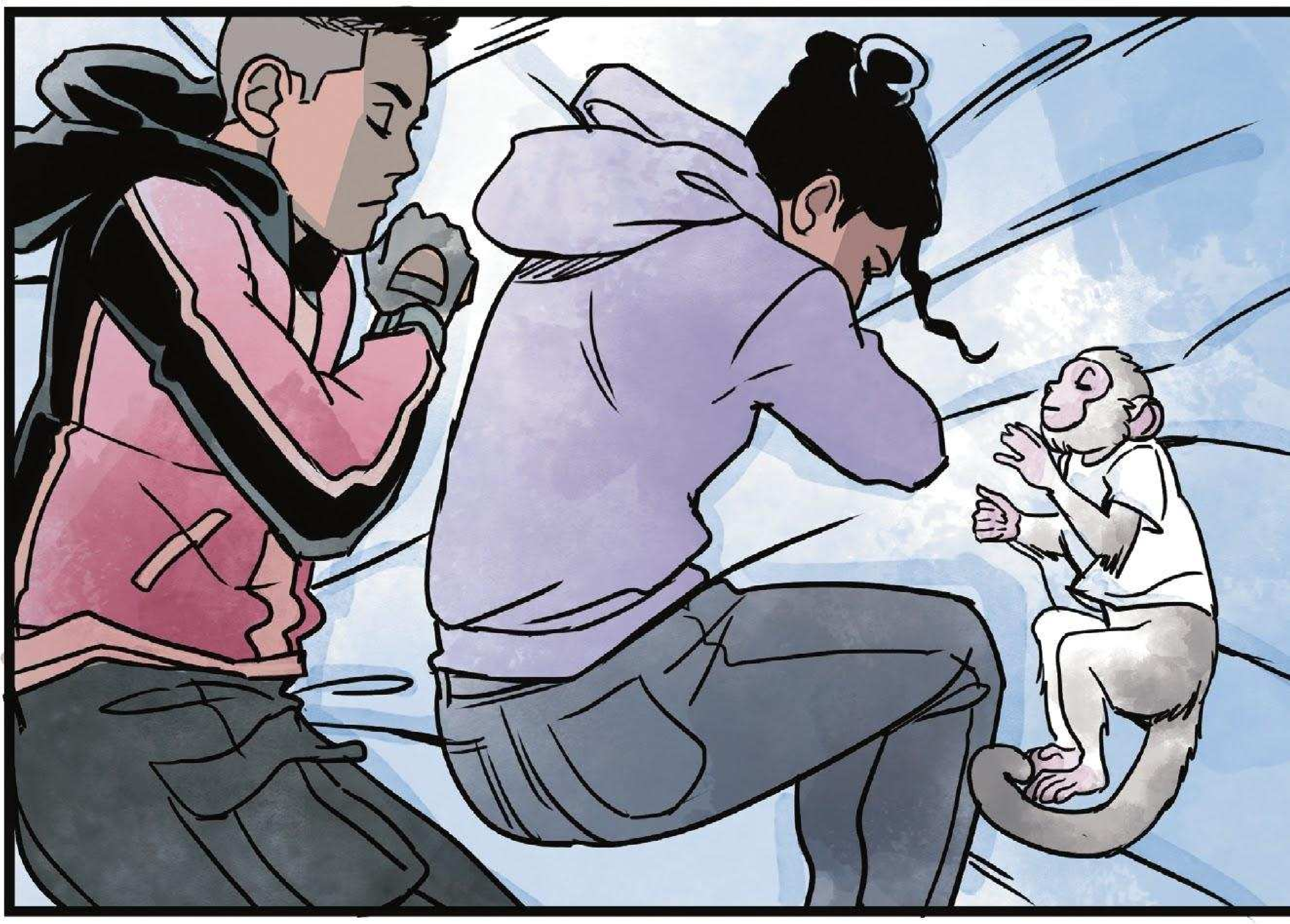

HOURS LATER
We can crash out here tonight, but tomorrow we'll need to find somewhere safe to go.
My parents would help, but I'm not really talking to them.
And I'm not sure I'm ready to start.
I'd never ask my dad for help, and my mom is out of the country.
Not that she'd trust them enough to help.
My mom will help us, and she knows about my powers, and Raven's.

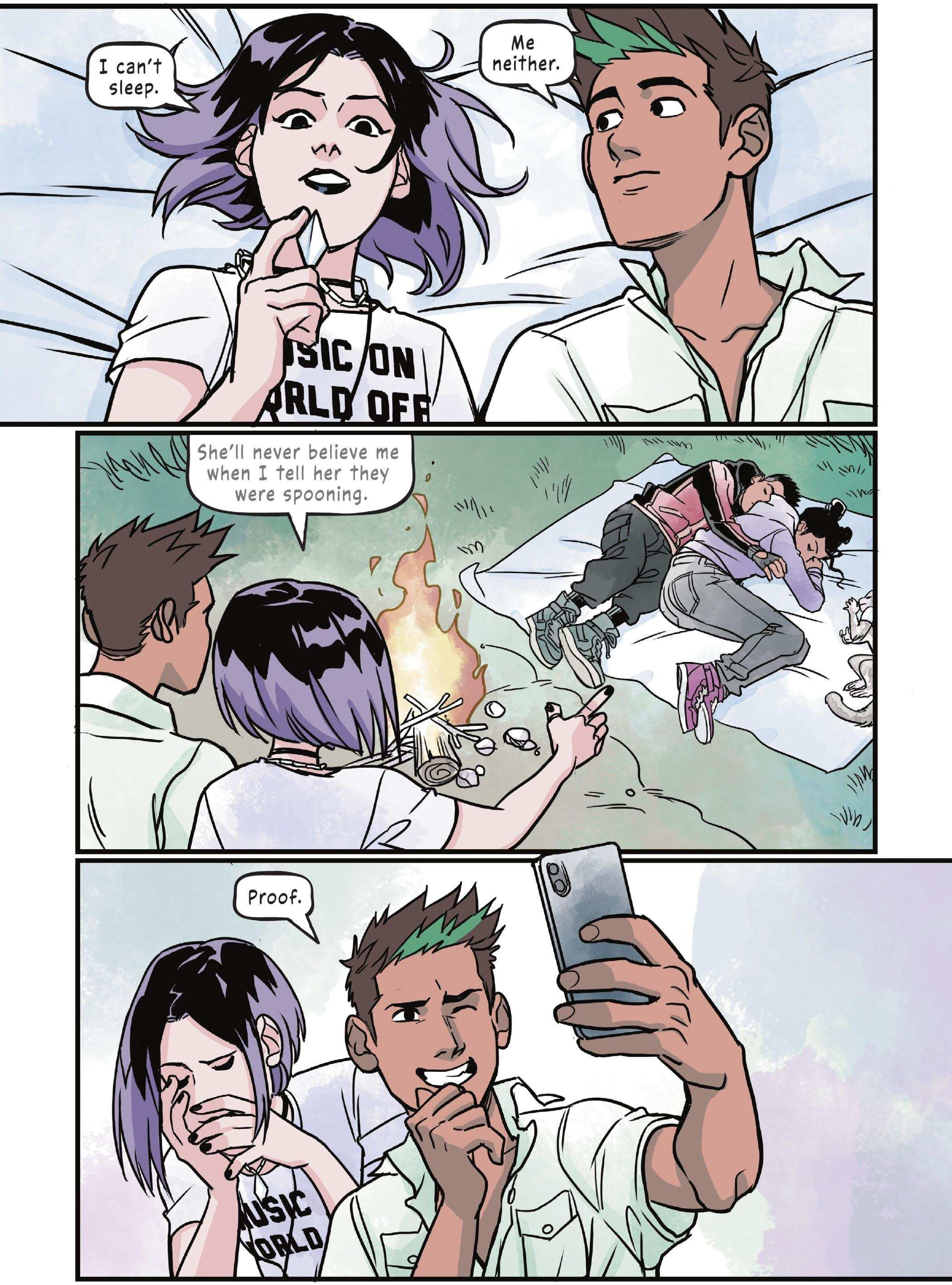

She said *us* like she's including me.
Chill, Damian. A girl like Max isn't interested in you.
I'll call my mom in the morning. I don't have the energy to explain what happened and why I didn't call her sooner.
She'll understand.


I'll keep watch.

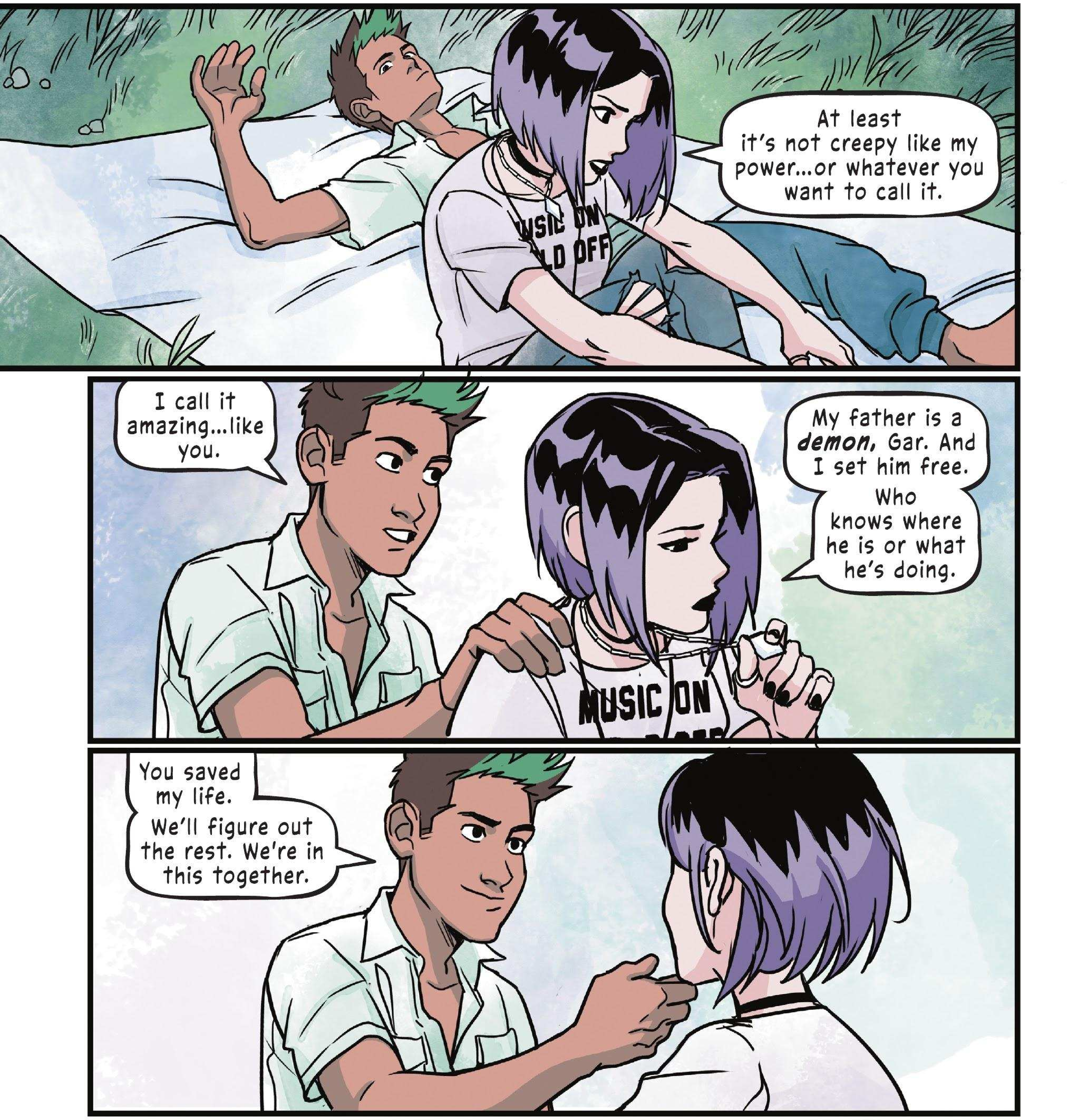

Go to sleep. We're in the woods and Gar has tiger hearing.

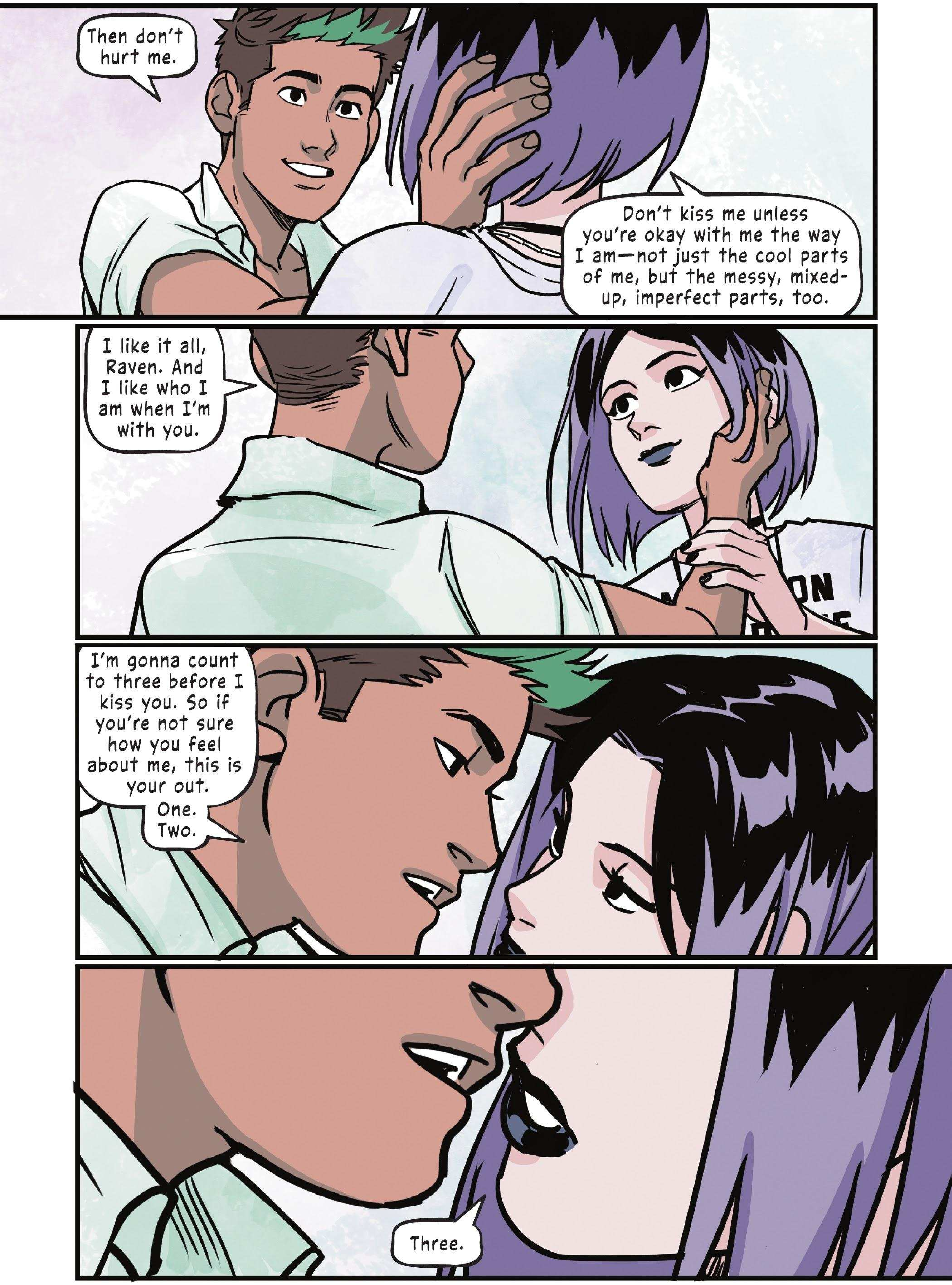

More like bat or moth hearing. They're way better.




I can't sleep.
Me neither.
USIC ON
ORLD OFF
She'll never believe me when I tell her they were spooning.
Proof.
USIC
ORLD

What are we gonna do about those people and the...um...
MUSIC ON WORLD OFF
The demon. You can say it.
His name is Trigon. He's my father.
I don't care, if that's what you think. You saw me turn into... well...you know.
I think it's cool. I just wish you had told me, but I understand why you didn't.
It started a few months ago. I can't really control it.


At least it's not creepy like my power...or whatever you want to call it.
I call it amazing...like you.
My father is a ***demon,*** Gar. And I set him free.
Who knows where he is or what he's doing.
MUSIC ON
You saved my life.
We'll figure out the rest. We're in this together.
I really wanna kiss you right now.
I don't want you to get hurt.


Then don't hurt me.
Don't kiss me unless you're okay with me the way I am—not just the cool parts of me, but the messy, mixed-up, imperfect parts, too.
I like it all, Raven. And I like who I am when I'm with you.
I'm gonna count to three before I kiss you. So if you're not sure how you feel about me, this is your out. One. Two.
Three.

ON
OFF

kami garcia

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gabriel picolo

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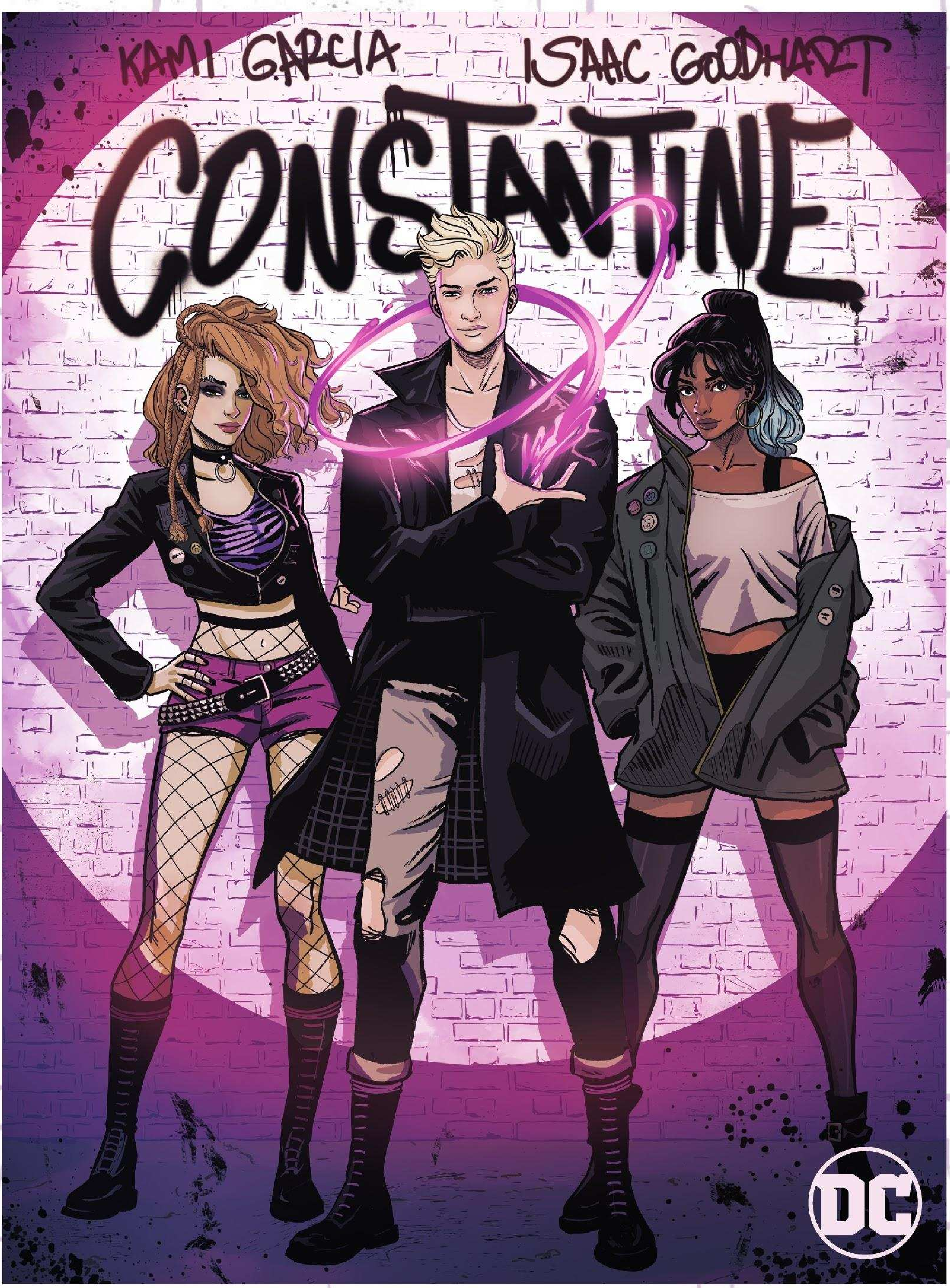
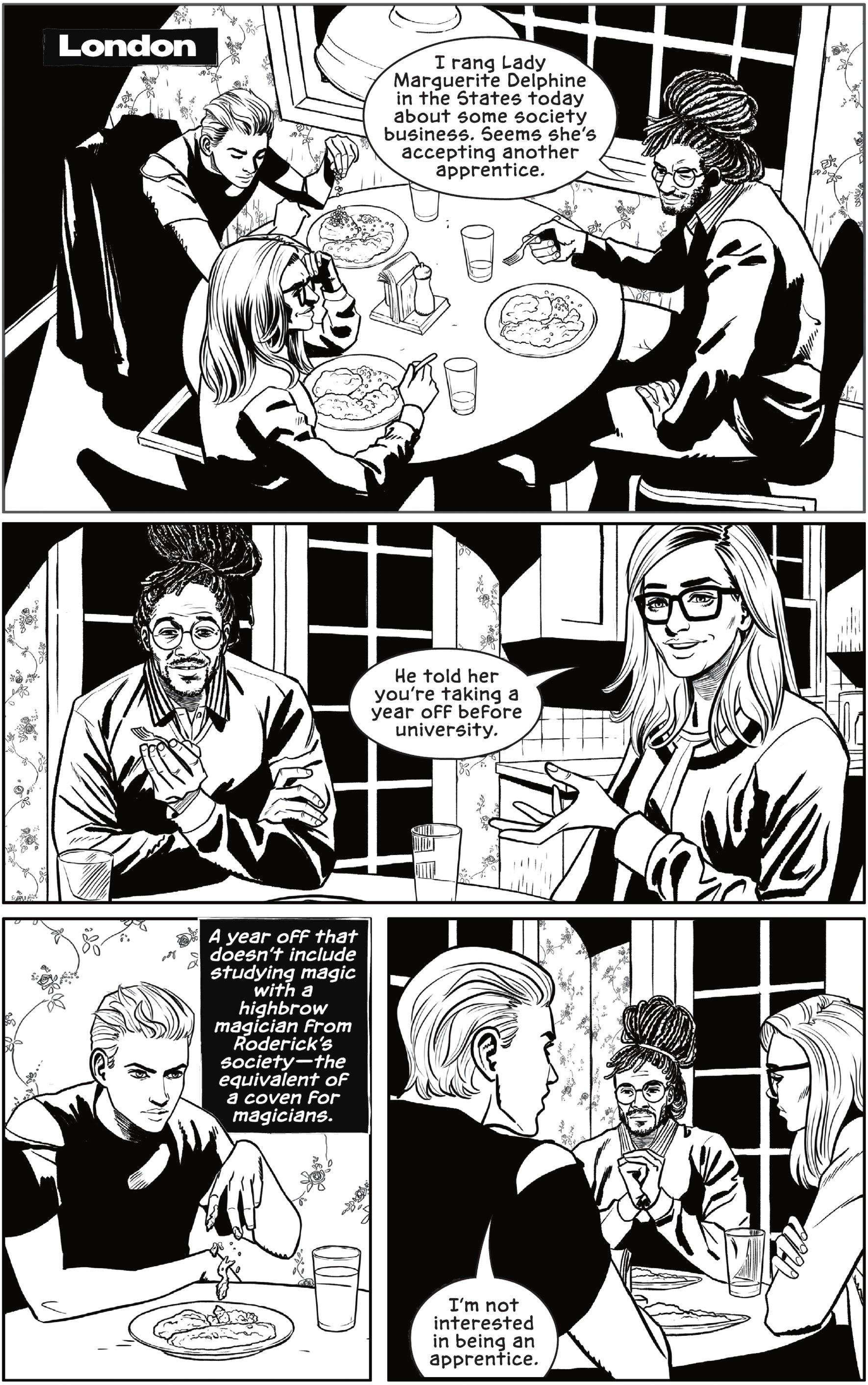
Constantine is not your average bad boy...

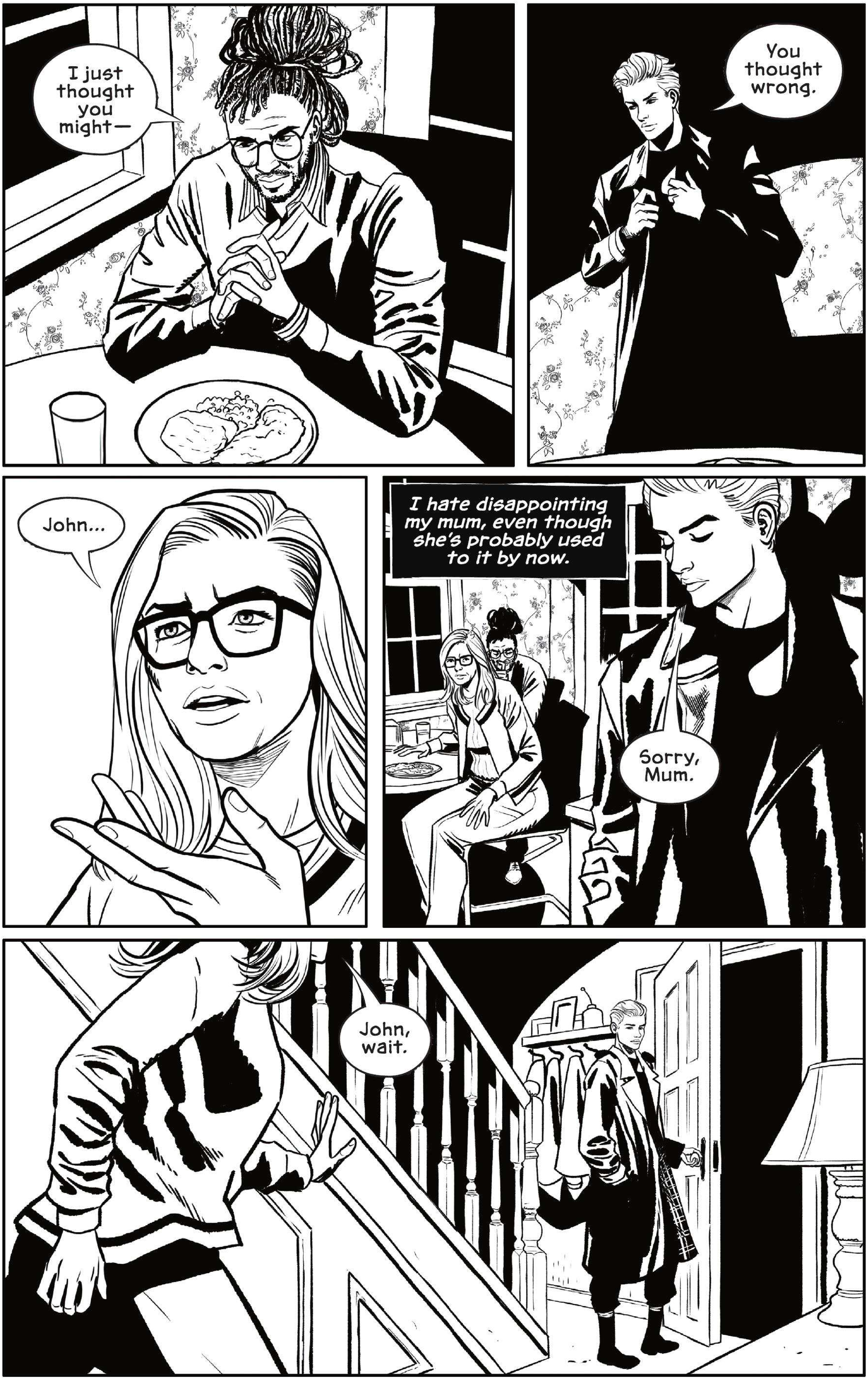


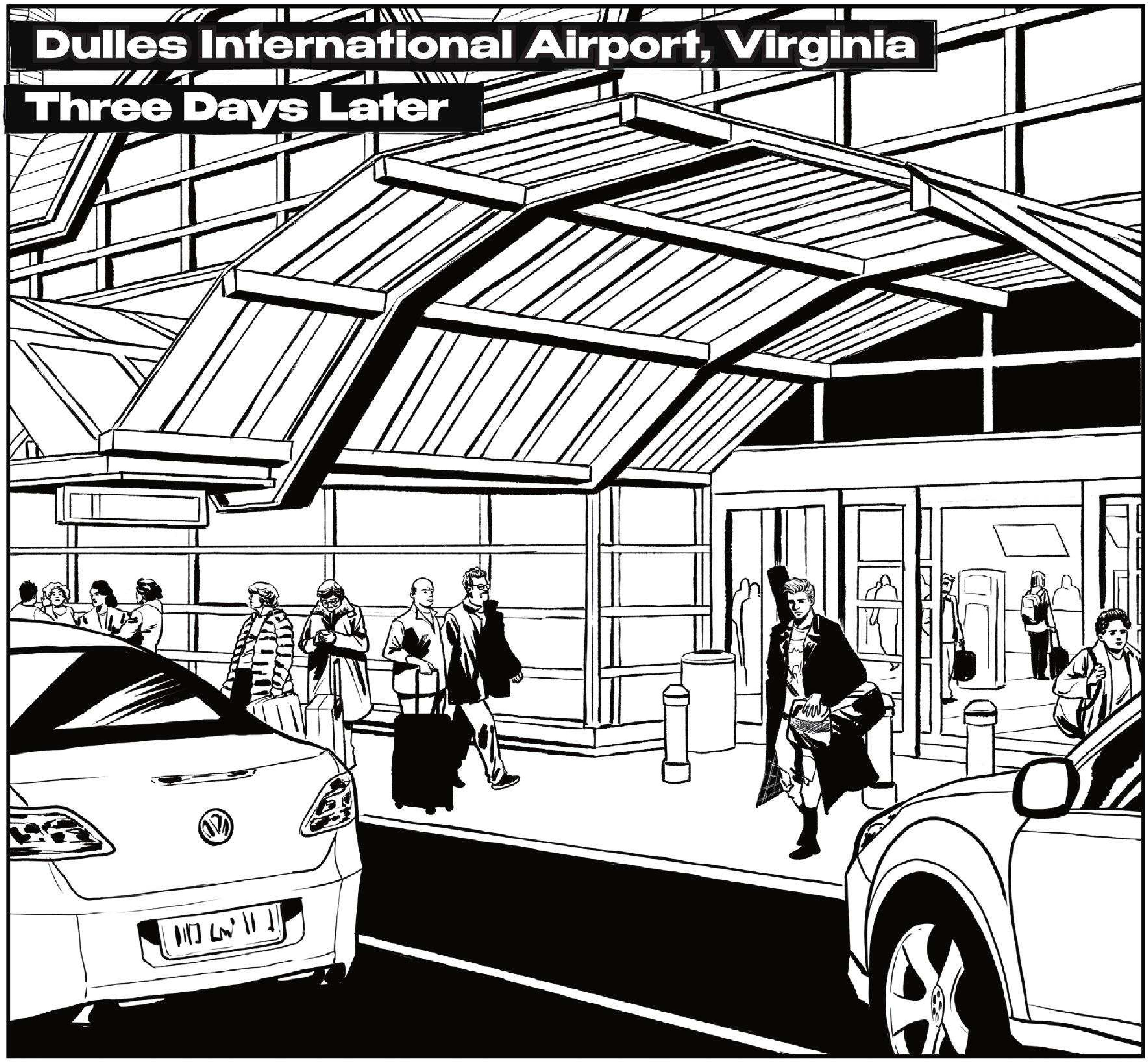
John Constantine is, and has always been, a magician of the highest caliber—
who doesn't need additional training from any high-brow magician, thank you very much.
Sensing an opportunity for independence, Constantine falsely accepts an apprenticeship
in the United States to become the lead singer of his best friend's punk band, Mucus Membrane.
When the band begins to dabble in magic, a complicated spell gets out of hand...
and the disastrous consequences might be more than Constantine can handle.

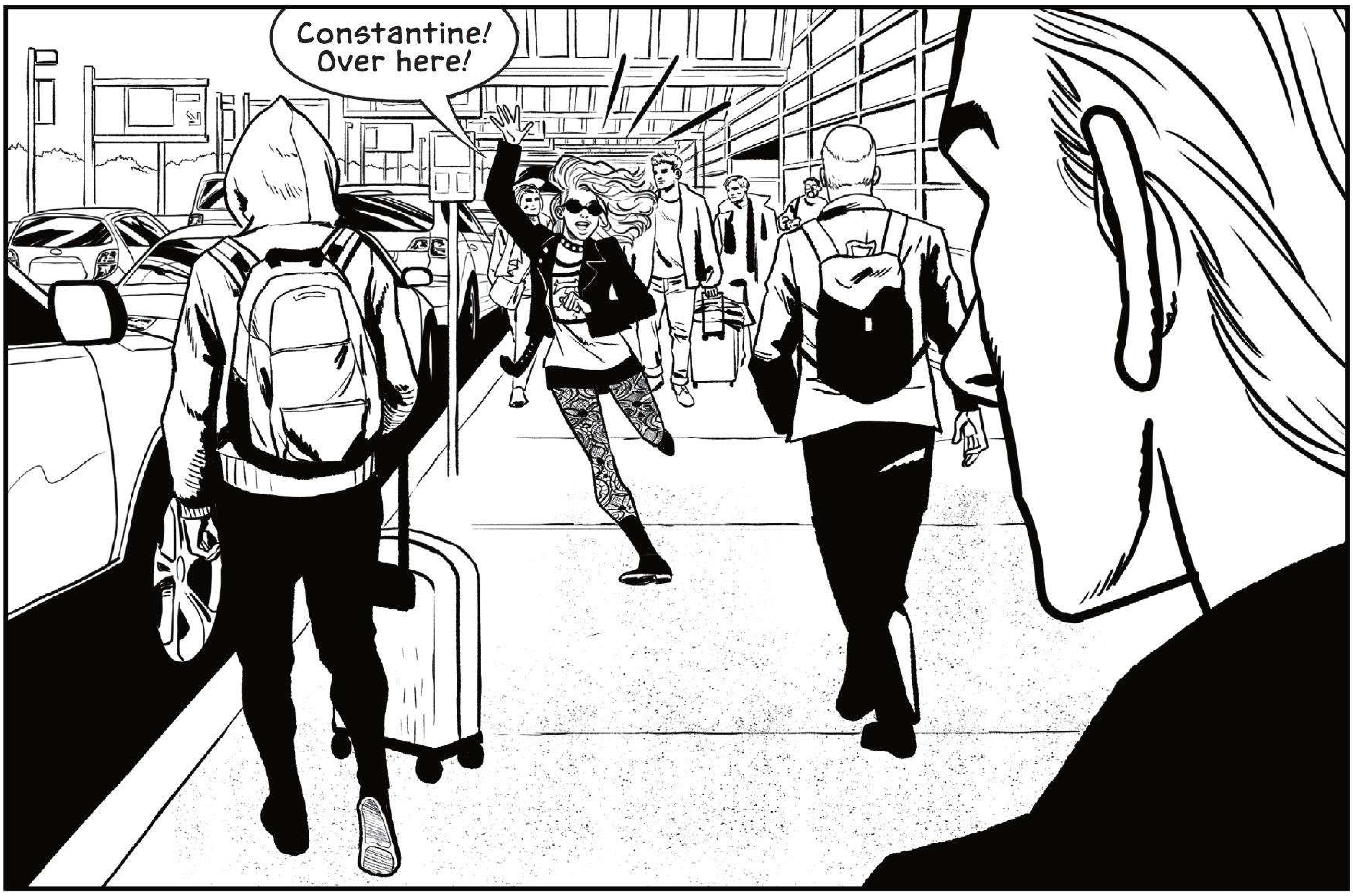
Keep reading for a sneak peek of ***Constantine: Distorted Illusions***,
by **Kami Garcia** and **Isaac Goodhart**!

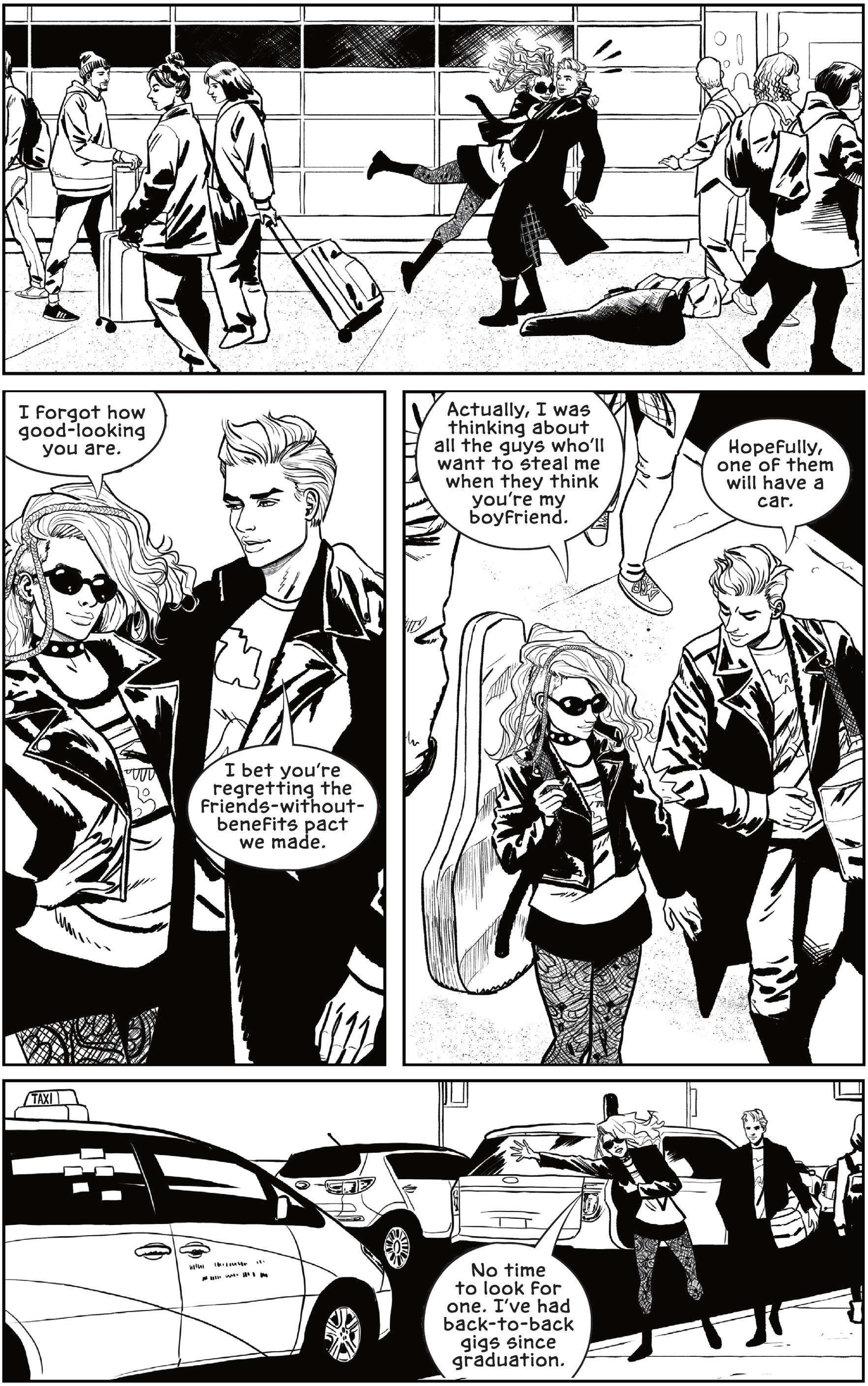
Art not final.

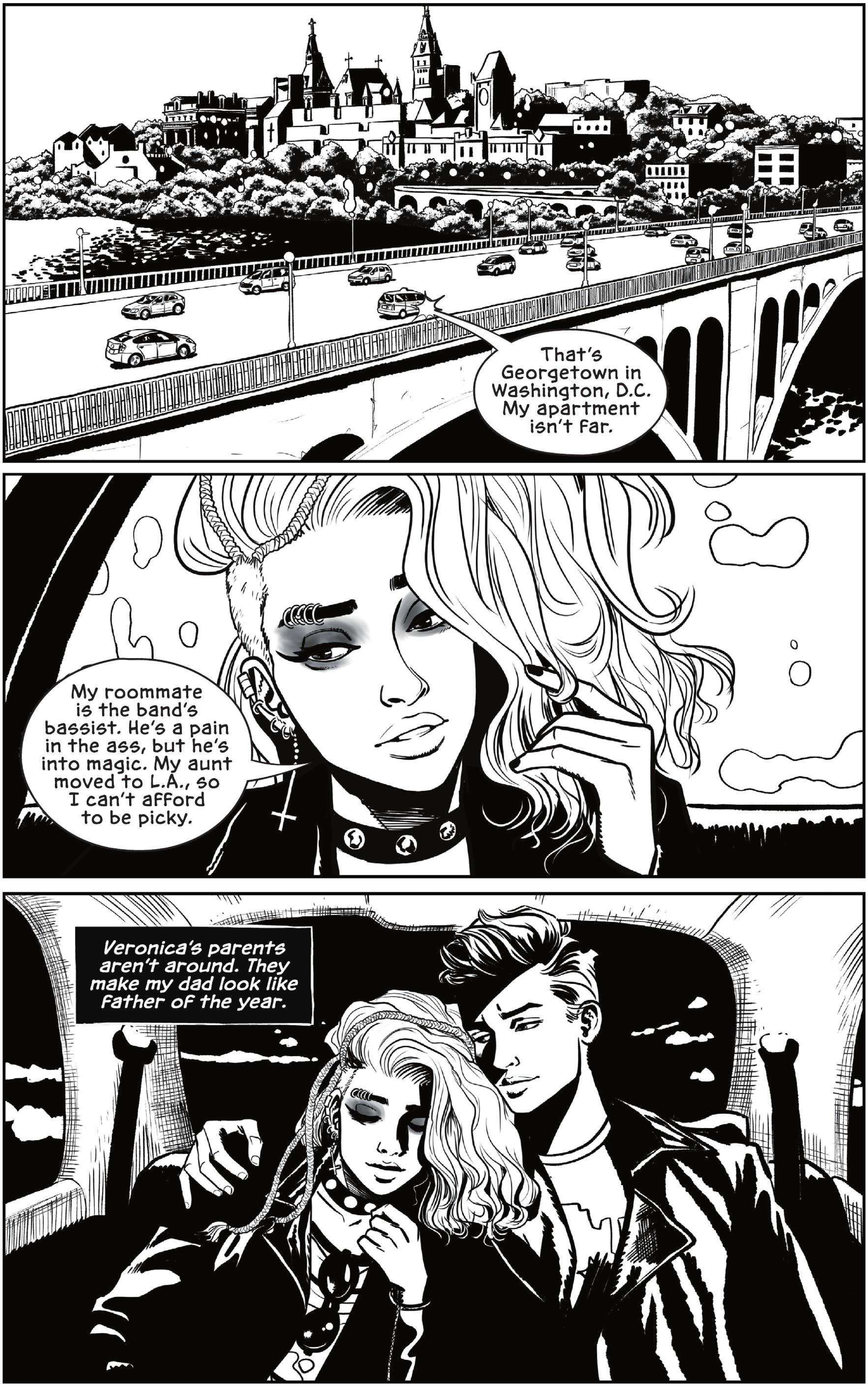

London
I rang Lady Marguerite Delphine in the States today about some society business. Seems she's accepting another apprentice.
He told her you're taking a year off before university.
A year off that doesn't include studying magic with a highbrow magician from Roderick's society—the equivalent of a coven for magicians.
I'm not interested in being an apprentice.


I just thought you might—
You thought wrong.
John...
I hate disappointing my mum, even though she's probably used to it by now.
Sorry, Mum.
John, wait.


Dulles International Airport, Virginia
Three Days Later


Constantine! Over here!


I forgot how good-looking you are.
I bet you're regretting the friends-without-benefits pact we made.
Actually, I was thinking about all the guys who'll want to steal me when they think you're my boyfriend.
Hopefully, one of them will have a car.
TAXI
No time to look for one. I've had back-to-back gigs since graduation.


That's Georgetown in Washington, D.C. My apartment isn't far.
My roommate is the band's bassist. He's a pain in the ass, but he's into magic. My aunt moved to L.A., so I can't afford to be picky.
Veronica's parents aren't around. They make my dad look like father of the year.

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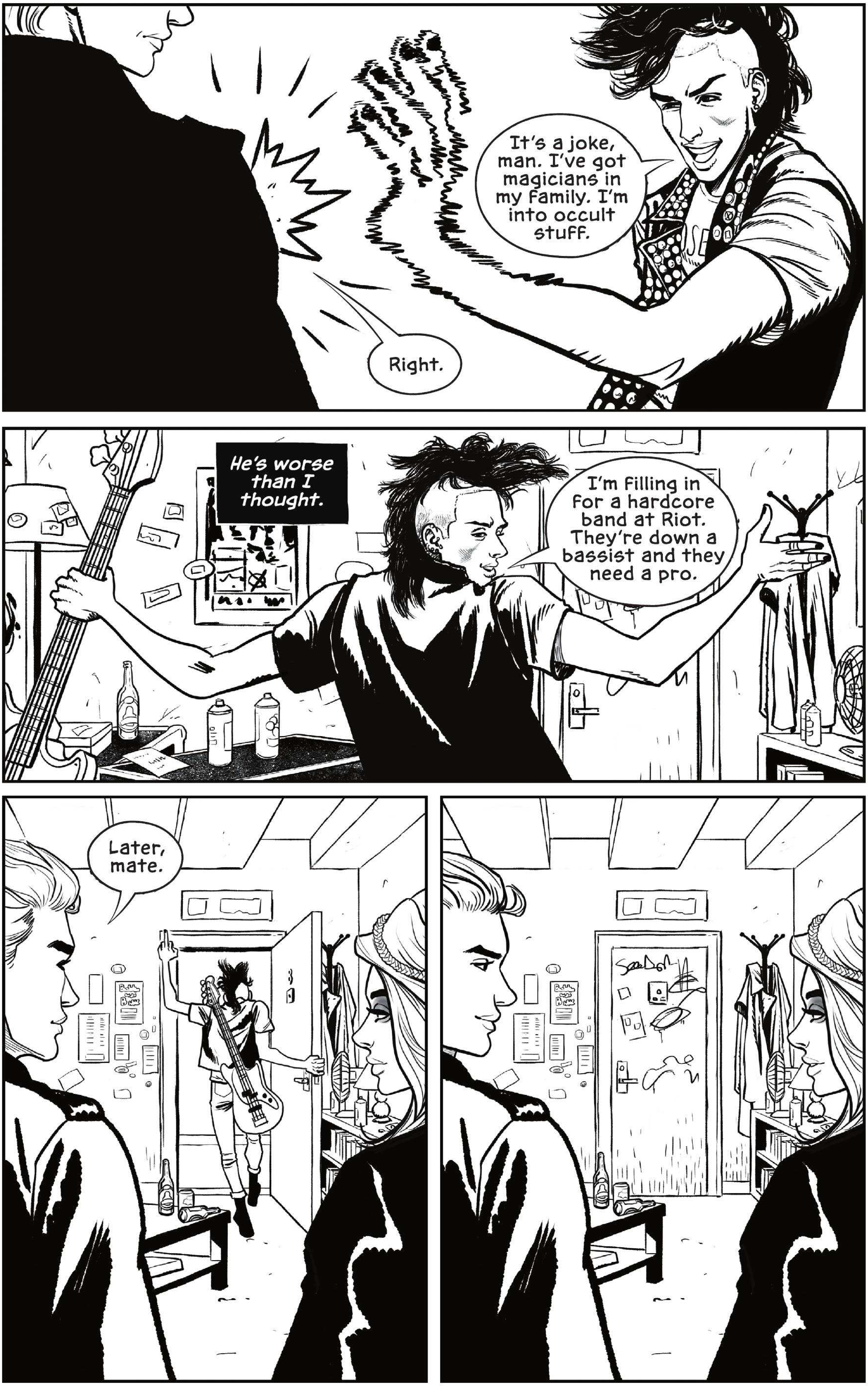
Home not-so-sweet home.

Helloooo! *We're back!*
What up? Christian Slaughter. Everyone calls me Slaughter.
I've met guys like him before—guitarists who think they're Sid Vicious.
John.
Everyone calls him Con-stan-teen 'cuz it rhymes with ***mean.***
Not really.
Heard you're a magician. Maybe you can teach me some tricks.
Not the kind of magic I do.


It's a joke, man. I've got magicians in my family. I'm into occult stuff.
Right.
He's worse than I thought.
I'm filling in for a hardcore band at Riot. They're down a bassist and they need a pro.
Later, mate.

Tomorrow do you wanna rehearse or check out D.C.?
I'm supposed to meet Lady Marguerite, but I can reschedule. It's not like I'm gonna train with her.
Meet her before you decide. I'd kill to have a teacher.
Thought you needed a lead singer? Trying to get rid of me already?
I meant at the end of the summer. Don't be a baby. But I don't want you to blow an opportunity.

What's wrong?
I'm bloody late.
BLACK COFFEE
Thought you didn't care about meeting the magician?
I don't, but I promised my mum I'd meet her.
Has anyone ever told you that you're confusing?
Not today.

CONSTANTINE: DISTORTED ILLUSIONS COMING FALL 2022

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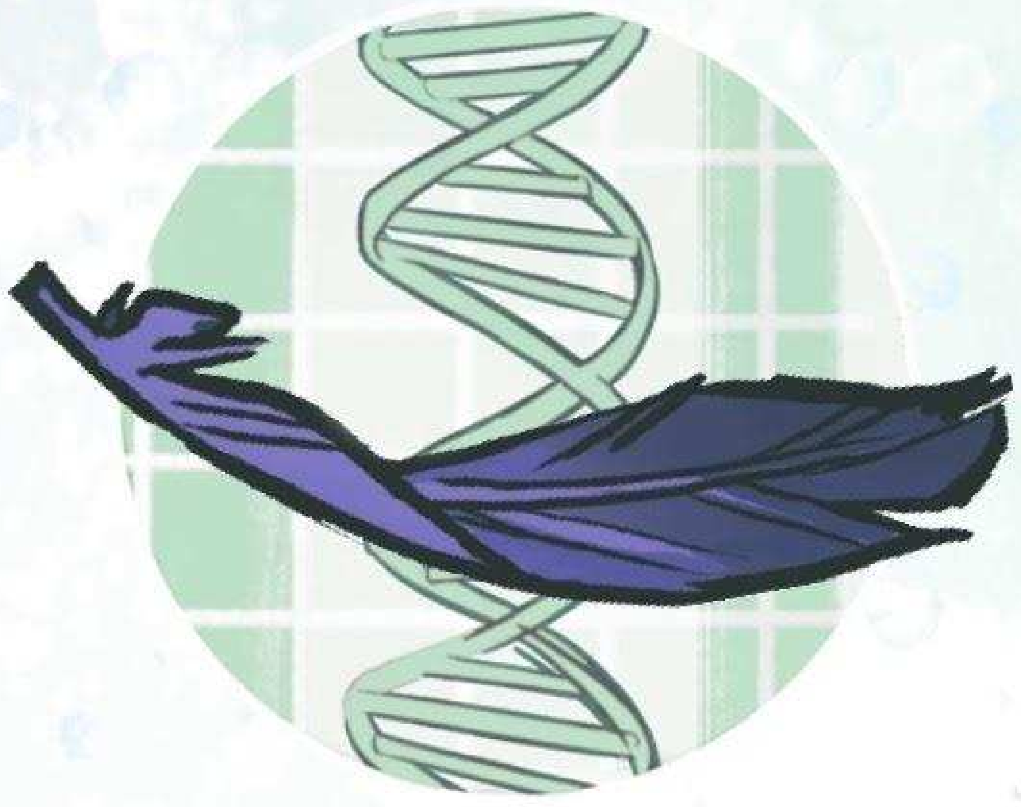

It seems like years, but it's only been a few days since Raven Roth recovered her memories, trapped her demon father, Trigon, in her amulet, and had her heart broken for the first time. But she doesn't have time to worry about the past... she has to focus on finding a way to get rid of Trigon for good.

Garfield Logan still can't believe he has the power to transform into animals. But controlling his newfound abilities is difficult, and their unpredictable nature could have dangerous consequences. Knowing his parents kept this secret hidden from him only makes Gar feel more alone.

They're both seeking answers from the one person who seems to have them all figured out: Slade Wilson.

When their paths cross in Nashville, Raven and Gar can't help but feel a connection, despite the secrets they try to hide from each other. It will take a lot of trust and courage to overcome the wounds of their pasts. But can they find acceptance for the darkest parts of themselves? Or maybe even love?

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